Maria Vasanelli
Elected Member, Board of Governors

Maria Vasanelli is a long serving governor at Lakehead University. She had roles as Director of Education at Superior North Catholic District School Board, Superintendent of Education at the Durham Catholic District School Board and Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board. Maria also has post-secondary experience at Ontario Tech University where she taught at the Faculty of Education for seven years. She served as the Director of Strategic Initiatives and Professional Learning at Lakehead University from 2013-2018.

Maria acquired a Master Degree in Religious Education from University of Ottawa, an MBA from Cape Breton University and, a BA and Bachelor of Education from Lakehead University. Among other certificates, she completed are; a certificate in Executive Leadership at the Rotman School of Business, Adjudication for Administrative Agencies Boards and Tribunals from Osgoode Hall Law School, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion from Cornell, and Policy & Governance from the Ottawa Institute on Policy & Governance.

She has served for profit and non-profit boards and served as past chair of the Board at Lakehead University.