



## BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

### MINUTES

<b>Date:</b>	May 1, 2026
<b>Time:</b>	9:30am - 12:00pm (ET)
<b>Location:</b>	Thunder Bay Campus: Senate Chambers (UC 1001) Orillia Campus: Room OA 3041 Zoom

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**Board of Governors Members in Attendance:** Rajni Agarwal; Robert Arnone; \*David Elliott; \*Sunil Kumar; Tim Lade; Robert Lamb; Dr. Nancy Luckai; Dr. Leigh Potvin; Dr. Gillian Siddall; \*Dr. Bryanna Scott-Kay; Mark Smith (Vice-Chair); Pauline Tait; Cathy Tuckwell (Chair); Maria Vasaneli; Dr. Rose Zacharias

**Regrets:** Dr. Claudine Cousins; Dr. Jason Lisi - Secretary (non voting); Michael Nitz; Michel Piche; Simran Talpade

**Executive Team Members and Support Staff in Attendance:** Dr. Gillian Balfour - Provost and Vice-President, Academic; Michael den Haan - Vice-President, University Advancement; Marcie Morrison - Acting Secretary; Dr. Heather Murchison - Strategic Advisor to the President and Vice-Provost (Institutional Planning and Analysis); Kathy Pozihun - Vice-President, Administration and Finance; \*Dr. Linda Rodenburg - Principal, Orillia Campus; Dr. Langis Roy - Vice-President, Research & Innovation; Rosanna Scaffeo - Chief of Staff, Office of the President

**Invited Guest:** Dr. Elaine Wiersma, Associate Professor, Department of Health Sciences Researcher, CERAH (Lakehead University)

The meeting was called to order at 9:30am.		
Item		Presenter(s)
The Chair opened the meeting by acknowledging the traditional territories of Thunder Bay and Orillia.		
1.	Approval of Agenda  MOVED (T. Lade) that the agenda be approved. CARRIED	Cathy Tuckwell
2.	Reminder: Confidentiality, Ethics, and Conduct  Members were reminded that Board meetings are confidential. Members should declare any in camera items or conflicts of interest that arise and are expected to uphold the Board's Code of Conduct to maintain a respectful, ethical, and positive environment.	Cathy Tuckwell

3.	<p>Consent Agenda</p> <p>The Board Bylaws allow the Consent Agenda to include routine or non-controversial items, such as committee reports, adjunct professor approvals, and academic chair appointments. Any Governor can request that an item be removed to allow for discussion or debate. Supporting documentation for the items in the Consent Agenda was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>MOVED that the Consent Agenda be approved, as amended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Item 3-C3.1: Board External Relations Committee Term of Reference Review - the item is going back to BERC for further review</li> </ul> <p>CARRIED</p>	Cathy Tuckwell
3-C1.	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>MOVED that the minutes of the March 27, 2026 meeting be approved.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	
3-C2.	<p>Executive Committee Report (of the April 9, 2026 meeting)</p>	
3-C3.	<p>External Relations Committee Report (of the April 8, 2026 meeting)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><del>1. Board External Relations Committee Term of Reference Review</del></p>	
3-C4.	<p>Finance and Operations Committee Report (of the April 9, 2026 meeting)</p>	
3-C5.	<p>Governance and Nominating Committee Report (of the April 8, 2026 meeting)</p> <p>1. Recommendations to External Organizations</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. MOVED that Cathy Tuckwell and Michel Piché be appointed to the Lakehead University Pension Plan Board for a 1-year term, commencing October 15, 2026 to the Board Annual meeting in 2027, as recommended by the Board Governance and Nominating Committee.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">CARRIED</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b. MOVED that Pauline Tait be appointed to the Lakehead University Ogimaawin Indigenous Education Council for a 1-year term, commencing July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, as recommended by the Board Governance and Nominating Committee.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">CARRIED</p>	

	<p>c. MOVED that Michael Nitz be appointed to the Lakehead University Senate for a 1-year term, commencing July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, as recommended by the Board Governance and Nominating Committee. CARRIED</p> <p>2. For Information - Notice of Resignation - Robert Arnone (as of October 16, 2026)</p>	
3-C6.	Chair's Report	
3-C7.	<p>President's Reports:</p> <p>a. President's May Report</p> <p>b. President's Report on Appointments</p>	
3-C8.	<p>Other Informational Items</p> <p>a. Ogimaawin Indigenous Education Council Reports:</p> <p>i. February 3, 2026</p> <p>ii. March 31, 2026</p> <p>b. Senate Report (of the April 13, 2026 meeting)</p>	
4.	<p>In Camera Session 9:39</p> <p>MOVED to adjourn to an in camera session to discuss items of a personnel, legal or real estate nature, or any other item of sensitive or confidential nature, and that only members of and others approved by the Board may be present. CARRIED by consensus</p> <p>At 9:39am the Board adjourned to an in camera session. The Acting Secretary, Recording Secretary, and members of the President's Executive Team were invited to remain for the in camera session.</p> <p>The Board returned to the open meeting at 11:14am.</p>	Cathy Tuckwell
4.1	<p>Business Arising from the In Camera Meeting</p> <p>It was reported that the following business was dealt with during the in camera session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approval of Tenure Application – Dr. Rebecca North, Department of Biology, Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies</li> </ul>	Marcie Morrison

At 11:15am, the meeting was adjourned for a short recess, reconvening at 11:22am.		
5.	<p>Spotlight Presentation - Dementia in the Outdoors: Moving Dementia Out from Behind Closed Doors</p> <p>Dr. Elaine Wiersma joined the meeting.</p> <p>The Board received a presentation highlighting the development and impact of community-based initiatives aimed at improving the lives of people living with dementia by promoting inclusion, social engagement, and meaningful outdoor activities. Led by Elaine Wiersma, Associate Professor in Health Sciences and researcher at CERAH, the project emphasizes moving dementia care beyond traditional indoor settings to create respectful, inclusive, and empowering environments.</p> <p>Dr. Elaine Wiersma left the meeting.</p>	Dr. Elaine Wiersma
6.	<p>Presentation: Senate and the Board: Working Together to Advance Shared Governance</p> <p>The Board received a presentation highlighting the roles, and collaborative dynamics between the Senate and the Board at Lakehead University, emphasizing their shared responsibility in advancing effective governance, academic integrity, and institutional sustainability.</p>	Dr. Leigh Potvin
7.	<p>Other Business</p> <p>There was no other business.</p>	Cathy Tuckwell
<p>The meeting adjourned at 12:00pm.</p> <p>Next Meeting: June 4, 2026, 9:30am - 1:30pm (ET) - Orillia</p>		
A networking lunch with the Board of Governors, the President's Executive Team Members and Senate Executive Committee Members followed the Board meeting.		

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 Cathy Tuckwell, Chair

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 Marcie Morrison, Acting Secretary