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BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

Date:	June 4, 2026
Time:	9:30am - 1:30pm (ET)
Location:	Orillia Campus: Room OA 2014 Thunder Bay Campus: Governance Conference Room (GCR) (UC 2001) Zoom

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Board of Governors Members: David Elliott; Sunil Kumar; Robert Lamb; Dr. Nancy Luckai; Michael Nitz; Michel Piche; *Dr. Leigh Potvin; Dr. Gillian Siddall; *Dr. Bryanna Scott-Kay; Mark Smith (Vice-Chair); Pauline Tait; Cathy Tuckwell (Chair); Maria Vasanelli; Dr. Rose Zacharias
Regrets: Robert Arnone; Simran Talpade
Absent: Rajni Agarwal; Dr. Claudine Cousins

Executive Team Members and Support Staff in Attendance: Dr. Gillian Balfour - Provost and Vice-President, Academic; Michael den Haan - Vice-President, University Advancement; Trudy McKinnon - Recording Secretary; 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; Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux - Chair on Truth & Reconciliation

Invited Guest: Dr. Ryan McVeigh - Associate Professor, Interdisciplinary Studies (Lakehead University)

The meeting was called to order at 9:32am.

	Item	Presenter(s)
The Chair opened the meeting by acknowledging the traditional territories of Thunder Bay and Orillia.		
1.	Approval of Agenda MOVED (R. Zacharias) 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	Cathy Tuckwell

	uphold the Board's Code of Conduct to maintain a respectful, ethical, and positive environment.		
3.	Consent Agenda Supporting documentation for the items in the Consent Agenda was circulated in advance of the meeting. MOVED (M. Smith) that the Consent Agenda be approved, as amended: ● Item 3-C8: Policy Review: Statement of Investment Policies and Procedures, Lakehead University Pension Plan CARRIED		Cathy Tuckwell
	3-C1.	Minutes of Previous Meeting MOVED that the minutes of the May 1, 2026 meeting be approved. CARRIED	
	3-C2.	Executive Committee Report (of the May 14, 2026 meeting)	
	3-C3.	Audit and Risk Committee Report (of the May 14, 2026 meeting) 1. Annual Review of the Lakehead University Pension Investment Fund a. Presentation b. Pension Investment Fund Annual Report c. Annual Report from Auditor d. Pension Investment Fund Audited Financial Statements e. MOVED to approve the Lakehead University Pension Investment Fund financial statements, as recommended by the Board Audit and Risk Committee. CARRIED	
	3-C4.	External Relations Committee Report (of the May 13, 2026 meeting)	
	3-C5.	Finance and Operations Committee Report (of the May 14, 2026 meeting) 1. Policy Review: Procurement Policy a. Current Policy b. Proposed Amendments (with markup) c. Proposed Amendments (no mark-up)	

		d. MOVED to approve the proposed amendments to the Procurement Policy, as recommended by the Board Finance and Operations Committee. CARRIED 2. Policy Review: Approval Authority Policy a. Current Policy b. Proposed Amendments (with markup) c. Proposed Amendments (no mark-up) d. MOVED to approve the proposed amendments to the Approval Authority Policy, as recommended by the Board Finance and Operations Committee. CARRIED
	3-C6.	Governance and Nominating Committee Report (of the May 13, 2026 meeting) 1. 2026-2028 Board of Governors Meeting Schedule a. Proposed Board of Governors Meeting Schedule b. MOVED to approve the proposed 2026-2028 Board of Governors meeting schedule, as recommended by the Board Governance and Nominating Committee. CARRIED 2. 2026 Board Appointment Process Summary 3. 2026-2027 Standing Committee Chair Recommendations a. MOVED to approve that the following External Board Members be appointed as Standing Committee Chairs for the term commencing at the close of the 2026 Annual Meeting to the close of the 2027 Annual Meeting, as recommended by the Board Governance and Nominating Committee: • BARC: Sunil Kumar • BERC: Robert Lamb • BFOC: Michel Piché • BGNC: Michael Nitz CARRIED

		4. 2026-2027 Standing Committee Assignment Recommendations a. MOVED to approve the proposed committee assignments for the term commencing at the close of the 2026 Annual Meeting to the close of the 2027 Annual Meeting, as recommended by the Board Governance and Nominating Committee. CARRIED 5. For Information - Notice of Resignation - Tim Lade (as of May 6, 2026)
	3-C8.	~~Policy Review: Statement of Investment Policies and Procedures, Lakehead University Pension Plan~~ This item was moved to the regular agenda.
	3-C9.	President's Reports a. President's June Report b. President's Report on Appointments
	3-C10.	Other Informational Items a. Ogimaawin Indigenous Education Council Report (of the May 5, 2026 meeting) b. Senate Report (of the May 11, 2026 meeting)
	Item for Discussion from the Consent Agenda Policy Review: Statement of Investment Policies and Procedures, Lakehead University Pension Plan: The Vice-President, Administration and Finance informed the Board that the amendments to the plan were minor in nature (housekeeping). a. Current Policy b. Proposed Amendments (with markup) c. Proposed Amendments (no mark-up) d. MOVED to approve the proposed amendments to the Statement of Investment Policies and Procedures, Lakehead University Pension Plan. CARRIED	

4.	Items for Discussion from Committee Reports		
	4.1	Finance and Operations Committee 2026-2027 Proposed Lakehead University Operating Budget: It was reported that the 2026-2027 Lakehead University operating budget was endorsed by the Senate on May 11, 2026. The Balanced Budget Resolution was circulated in advance of the meeting, for information. The Board received the presentation that had previously been presented at the May 14, 2026 BFOC meeting and circulated in advance. Highlights included: • New Tuition Framework (announced February 12, 2026) • New University Funding Model (announced February 12, 2026) • Projected Domestic Enrolment @ April 5, 2026 • Projected International Enrolment @ April 5, 2026 • International Enrolment : Projected Tuition Revenue • Government Grant Revenue: • Other Expenses (over $500K) • Expenditures: Summary of Changes including Strategic Investments • 2026-2027 Proposed Operating Budget • Key Takeaways • 2026-2027 Proposed Ancillary Services Budget • Proposed Capital Budget • Strategic Investment Expenditures 2026-2027 Proposed Operating Budget: The proposed operating budget was presented to the BFOC on May 14, 2026, and was circulated in advance of the meeting. It was reported that the budget planning process for 2026-2027 fully reflects Lakehead's integrated budget development model and exhibits a transparent, consultative, and accountable integrated budgeting process. As required by the Board of Governors, the Administration presented a balanced operating budget.	Kathy Pozihun, Dr. Gillian Balfour, Dr. Heather Murchison, Emma Westover

		MOVED (M. Piche) to approve the 2026-2027 Lakehead University operating budget, as recommended by the Board Finance and Operations Committee. The Administration provided clarification and responded to questions regarding the information presented. CARRIED One governor suggested that future budget presentations be prerecorded and reviewed in advance to allow more time for strategic discussion during meetings.	
5.	2nd Progress Report on Strategic Plan Year One The presentation, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, was delivered and included an overview of the reporting timeline and a report on the performance of these ten Strategic Plan measures: ● #2: Indigenous Student Enrolment at all levels of study ● #5: Number of graduates who participated in experiential learning during their undergraduate degree ● #8: The number of graduates with work integrated learning experience ● #9: Lakehead's graduate employment rate ● #17: Improved employee experience ● #18: The number of Indigenous faculty and staff ● #19: The number of racialized faculty and staff ● #20: The number of faculty and staff who self-identify as female ● #21: The number of faculty and staff who self-identify with disabilities ● #22: The number of LGBTQ2S+ faculty and staff Following the presentation, the Administration responded to questions regarding some of the information reported.	Dr. Heather Murchison
6.	In Camera Session and Lunch Break MOVED (R. Lamb) 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	Cathy Tuckwell

	At 11:03am 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. The Board returned to the open meeting at 1:41pm.		
	6.1	Business Arising from the In Camera Meeting The following report was received during the in camera session: ● President's Report on Promotion to Full Professor: The President granted promotion to Professor, effective July 1, 2026, to the following individuals: ○ Dr. Angela Hovey, School of Social Work ○ Dr. Meridith Lovell-Johnston, Faculty of Education ○ Dr. Erin Pearson, School of Kinesiology ○ Dr. Michael Rennie, Department of Biology ○ Dr. Paolo Sanzo, School of Kinesiology ○ Dr. Abdulsalam Yassine, Department of Software Engineering	Cathy Tuckwell
7.	Spotlight Presentation: INTD 3013: City as Space, Place, and Pace Dr. Ryan McVeigh joined the meeting. The Board received a presentation highlighting the Interdisciplinary Studies program at Lakehead University's Orillia campus. The presentation focused on the course's experiential learning approach, which uses urban ethnography and field-based activities to examine how the built environment shapes life within it. Students engage in exercises such as participant observation, mapping, and travelogue assignments to explore issues related to accessibility, social inclusion, and cultural identity. The presentation also outlined potential future enhancements, including a high school recruitment initiative, expanded field trip opportunities, and the incorporation of these methodologies into senior capstone projects. Dr. Ryan McVeigh left the meeting.		Dr. Ryan McVeigh

8.	Other Business There was no other business.	Cathy Tuckwell
The meeting adjourned at 2:26pm. Next Meeting: October 15, 2026, 9:30am - 1:30pm (ET)		

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Cathy Tuckwell, Chair

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Marcie Morrison, Acting Secretary