

MINUTES
Assiniboine College Board of Governors Meeting
Tuesday, March 17, 2026 – Hybrid

Board of Governors:

Ruth Mealy (Chairperson), Jan Chaboyer (Vice Chairperson), Tere Stykalo, Mona Cornock, Mitchell Hengen, Randy Daley, Jeremy Wilkinson, Ketan Patel, Amanda McGregor, Alec Walters, Jennifer Bone, Jody Stevens

Regrets:

College Staff:

Mark Frison, Danielle Adriaansen, Shannon Brichon, Erin Selby, Derrick Turner, Brad Dodds, Anya McNabb, Julie Muller, Amy Doerksen (Secretary)

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Ruth Mealy at 5:00pm. Attendance constituted a quorum.

1. Land Acknowledgement – R. Mealy

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Cornock /Stykalo

That the agenda for March 17, 2026 (BOG:26/03/17) Board of Governors meeting be approved.

CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes of January 20, 2026

MOTION: Wilkinson / Chaboyer

To approve the minutes of January 20, 2026 (BOG:26.01.20) Board of Governors meeting.

CARRIED

4. New Business

i) MICA West Wall Restoration Decision Paper

- B. Dodds, Director of Capital Projects, spoke to the restoration work that needs to be done to the West Wall at MICA (Manitoba Institute of Culinary Arts) to address damage to the façade and construct a new enclosure to protect the exterior entrance. This project was initiated and approved by the Province of Manitoba, and then later inherited by the college as part of the North Hill Transfer Agreement.
- As part of the Transfer Agreement, the Province turned over ownership of the near tender ready design and specification package. A Class A estimate, prepared in January 2025, forecasted a construction budget of \$1.2M for this project.
- The Province did provide a one-time lump sum payment of \$1.5M to cover the cost of two projects it had initiated on the North Hill Campus, which included the MICA West Wall Replacement.

- The funds provided will not cover the entire costs of the MICA West Wall Restoration project and the anticipated difference will be \$750,000 that will be pulled from College Reserves.
- It was shared that further delay in proceeding in this project could result in increased costs and that these costs might become more difficult to recoup from the Province.

MOTION: Chaboyer / Patel

That the Board approve up to \$1.5 million to complete the restoration and addition of the MICA West Wall. CARRIED

5. Reports

- i) Executive and Governance Committee
 - Board Operations Governance Committee
 - R. Mealy provided an update on the development of Terms of Reference for the creation of a Board Operations Governance Committee that will be tasked with reviewing current operational practices associated with meetings of the Board of Governors and submitting a report to the Board for review by end of the 2026 academic year.

MOTION: Cornock / Daley

That the Board approve the creation of a Board Operations Modernization Committee and its accompanying Terms of Reference (as presented). CARRIED

MOTION: MacGregor / Bone

That the Board appoint R. Daley, J. Wilkinson and M. Hengen to the Board Operations Modernization Committee. CARRIED

MOTION: Chaboyer / Hengen

That the Board appoint J. Wilkinson as the Chair of the Board Operations Modernization Committee. CARRIED

- Cyber Security Training
 - A. Doerksen provided a briefing on the Cyber Security Training that is being completed by all staff/faculty at the College. More communication will be provided on this with instructions on how to complete the training.
- ii) Planning Committee
 - M. Cornock spoke to the review of the Financial Stewardship targets and requested that A. Doerksen and S. Brichon provide update.
 - Updated targets were presented for four of the six metrics included in this section of the Balanced Scorecard. Recommended targets better align with regrowth and financial sustainability goals, as well as support government relations efforts. Recommendations also include the additional of two new targets that specifically highlight provincial and federal capital funding.

MOTION: Cornock / Stevens

That the Board of Governors approve that the following annual Financial Stewardship targets be changed on the Balanced Scorecard effective 2025-26:

- Provincial Grant and Sector Revenue is adjusted to \$80,000,000 by 2030
- Federal Government Grants is adjusted to \$3,000,000 by 2030
- Tuition and Course fees is adjusted to \$30,000,000 by 2030
- Other Revenue: Parking and Facility Rentals is adjusted to \$500,000 by 2030.

CARRIED

MOTION: MacGregor / Stykalo

That the Board approve that the following cumulative targets (between 2026 to 2032) be added to the Financial Stewardship section of the Balanced Scorecard effective 2025-26:

- Provincial Capital Funding is \$70,000,000 by 2032
- Federal Capital Funding is \$80,000,000 by 2032

CARRIED

iii) Finance Committee –

- Cyber Security Presentation
 - T. Sykalo shared that the Chief Information Office provided an informational presentation on Cyber Security that highlighted risk mitigation efforts at the college. It was shared that a revised version of the presentation will be provided to all Board members at the closed session of the meeting in June.
- January 2026 Financial Statements
 - T. Stykalo shared that the committee reviewed the Financial Statements ending January 31, 2026. He confirmed that the committee feels that the college remains in a stable financial position and that this is expected to continue until fiscal year end.
 - S. Brichon was invited to review the statements and confirmed a favourable balance of \$6.4M. This is a result of several factors including stronger enrolments of international and domestic students from what was budgeted, Prairies Can funding and strong interest revenue. All business units are anticipated to hit their targets by end of year. Salaries continue to contribute to variances.

MOTION: Hengen / Chaboyer

That after review and on the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, the Board of Governors approve the Financial Statements ending January 31, 2026.

CARRIED

6. 2025 College Report –

The Board received the 2026 January College Report as provided.

i) Brand Presentation

- A. McNabb provided an update on the rebranding project and what has been completed to date.

ii) Prairie Innovation Project

- B. Dodds provided an update that by the end of April the college will understand whether the Parkland and Valleyview buildings are viable options that fall within the funding envelope. This is being guided by the work of the construction management team and the architects.

iii) Other Updates

- M. Frison spoke to the Women's Volleyball Team winning provincials for the first time ever and competing in nationals.
- Recent staff appointments included Chris Budiwski being named Dean of the Russ Edwards School of Ag and Environment and Nolan Trembath being named Director of Facilities.

7. **Closed Session**

MOTION: Stykalo / Bone

That the Board of Governors move into the closed session.

CARRIED

8. **Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 7:03pm.

MOTION: Hengen

That the Board of Governors adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

Original signed by Amy Doerksen

Secretary

Original signed by Ruth Mealy

Chair