

**MINUTES**  
**Assiniboine College Board of Governors Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 21, 2025 – VIRTUAL**

**Board of Governors:**

Ruth Mealy (Chairperson), Jan Chaboyer (Vice Chairperson), Jody Parsonage, Mona Cornock, Randy Daley  
Jennifer Bone, Jeremy Wilkinson, Amanda McGregor, Lisa Huston, Jimmy Teichroeb

**Regrets:**

Tere Stykalo, Ketan Petal

**College Staff:**

Mark Frison, Deanna Rexe, Danielle Adriaansen, Shannon Brichon, Anya McNabb, Julie Muller, Jim  
Simmons, Erin Selby, Suzanne Nicolas, 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 / Wilkinson**

That the agenda for January 21, 2025 (BOG:25/01/21) Board of Governors meeting be approved.  
CARRIED

3. **Approval of Minutes of Monday, December 2, 2024**

**MOTION: Parsonage / McGregor**

To approve the minutes of Monday, December 2, 2024 (BOG:24.12.02) Board of Governors  
meeting.  
CARRIED

4. **Reports**

- i) Executive and Governance Committee –
  - R. Mealy reported that the Executive and Governance Committee met in the capacity as the Nominations Committee, to discuss/review board terms that are ending in 2025. There are three board terms ending in 2025 – R. Mealy, A. McGregor and M. Cornock. A. Doerksen, Director of Integrated Planning and Board Secretary, provided the Board with an overview of the board nominations process and discussed the planning review of the Skills Matrix.
- ii) Finance and Audit Committee –

- J. Chaboyer, on behalf of the Finance and Audit Committee (FAC) Chair T. Stykalo, provided a briefing on the Financial Statements ending December 31, 2025, that were reviewed at the FAC meeting on Monday, January 20, 2025.

**MOTION: Wilkinson / McGregor**

**That after review and on the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, the Board of Governors approve the Financial Statements ending December 31, 2024.**

CARRIED

iii) Planning Committee – M. Cornock

- M. Cornock provided a high-level review of the changes to the Balanced Scorecard that were approved at the last Board meeting in December.

**5. 2024 College Report –**

The Board received the 2025 College Report as provided.

i) Prairie Innovation Centre Update

- M. Frison, President, advised that a letter has been sent to the provincial government requesting bridge financing to ensure the project continues to move along as planned. This bridge financing would be in place until federal government funding is confirmed. Discussions with the Government of Manitoba around bridge financing have been taking place since spring of 2024. The government's response to the request has been favourable but no formal response has been received to date. The project is scheduled to go to tender at the end of March 2025.

ii) Budget Update

- S. Brichon, Chief Financial Officer/ Board Treasurer, spoke to how the formal organizational budget process is underway and that analysis is being done to manage projected deficit within the \$8M for the next three years. Presently, the deficit is between \$9M - \$11M but there is more work being done to hit goal of \$8M. S. Brichon did share that a primary area of concern is the fact that collective bargaining salary increases are compounding year-over-year and outpacing projected government funding. Mr. Frison added that while fiscal restraint is key, growth is the solution to the current financial situation.

iii) Nursing Program Recap

- Dr. D. Rexe, Vice President Academic, reviewed the status of Assiniboine's Practical Nursing application with the regulator - the CLPNM. Program evaluations were submitted to the CLPNM in 2018, 2019, 2022 and the most recent one was September 2024. Assiniboine remains in conditional approval status. Despite challenges with the regulator, the practical nursing program continues to find success when it comes to expanding its reach (available seats) throughout the province and delivers strong graduate outcomes.

**6. Closed Session**

**MOTION: Chaboyer / Wilkinson**

That the Board of Governors move into the closed session.

CARRIED

**MOTION: Cornock / Chaboyer**

That the Board of Governors move out of the closed session.

CARRIED

7. **Adjournment** – This meeting was adjourned at 6:01pm.

**MOTION: Wilkinson /Bone**

That the Board of Governors adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

**Original signed by Amy Doerksen**

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Secretary

**Original signed by Ruth Mealy**

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Chair