

**Brandon University Board of Governors
(Open Session)**

Saturday, September 20, 2025

Louis Riel Room & Zoom

8:30 a.m.

Present: Charles Adamu; Christine Bovis-Crossen (Zoom); Ravi Dwivedula; Sunday Frangi; Dean Hammond; Bryan Hill; Katheryne Lumgair; Molly MacPherson-Blair; Mary Jane McCallum (Zoom); Chukwuanugo Okudo (Zoom); Quintin Pearce; Joseph Pelletier; Emmanuelle Shakotko; Kevan Sumner (Chair); Michelle Williams-Joel

Resources: Bernadette Ardelli; Barb Blind; Kofi Campbell (Zoom); Greg Gatien; Peter Hickey; Meghan Lamontagne (Recorder)

Regrets: Steven Soder

1. OPENING PRAYER & SMUDGE

2. CALL TO ORDER & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

The meeting began with a land acknowledgement, recognizing that Brandon University has campuses on both Treaty 1 and Treaty 2 lands and is a gathering place for people from many backgrounds around the world. In this way, we carry on the Indigenous customs of our home in Brandon. It was further acknowledged that Brandon is on shared territory between the Dakota Oyate, the Anishinaabeg, and the National Homeland of the Red River Métis. Today, many other Indigenous people call Brandon their home, including the Inineew, Anisininewuk, Denesuline, and Inuit.

The Chair welcomed new members Molly MacPherson-Blair; Emmanuelle Shakotko; and Dr. Ravi Dwivedula. It was noted that this meeting marks President Bovis-Crossen's first Board meeting in her role as President.

The Chair provided an introduction and welcomed Barb Blind, Elder and Knowledge Keeper, who has accepted an invitation to attend Board meetings regularly as a resource to advise and share knowledge with the Board.

3. AGENDA & MINUTES

3.1 Approval of Agenda of September 20, 2025

Motion: Moved and seconded (J. Pelletier/S. Frangi)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda of the September 20, 2025, Board of Governors meeting (Open Session) be approved.

A request was made to remove the Report from the Acting Provost & Vice-President (Academic) from the consent agenda and to add it as Item 4.2 under the Open Session agenda.

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CARRIED AS AMENDED**

3.2 Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion: Moved and seconded (K. Lulgair/Q. Pearce)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the consent agenda of the September 20, 2025, Board of Governors (Open Session) meeting be approved as follows:

3.2.1 Minutes of June 21, 2025 (Open Session)

~~3.2.2 Report from the Acting Provost & Vice-President (Academic)~~

3.2.3 Report from the Vice-President (Research & Graduate Studies)

3.2.4 Report from the Vice-President (Administration & Finance)

3.2.5 Report – Transactions of \$100,000 or More – June 1 to August 31, 2025

3.2.6 Reports from Representatives on Committees Reporting to the Board

3.2.6.1 BU Foundation

3.2.6.2 BU Senate

3.2.6.3 BU Students' Union

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CARRIED AS AMENDED**

4. REPORTS

4.1 Report from the Acting President – Dr. Kofi Campbell

The Chair noted that K. Campbell served as Interim President until September. Although he has since resumed his role as Provost, K. Campbell submitted a written report outlining activities during his tenure as Interim President and was invited to speak to the contents of his report.

K. Campbell presented highlights from his report. Regarding the Brodie Building renovations, he noted that he convened a group to maintain progress on the project and confirmed that President Bovis-Crossen will assume responsibility and chair a committee to continue this work. K. Campbell also reported government interest in the upgrades to the Gulliver Observatory, including requests for costing information. In response to a Ministry request, the University is preparing cost estimates, and President Bovis-Crossen will continue to engage with government on this matter.

4.2 Report from the Acting Provost & Vice-President – G. Gatién

In addition to the written report included in the meeting package, Greg Gatién, who served as Acting Provost & Vice-President (Academic) during K. Campbell's tenure as Interim President, provided highlights from his report. He noted that he and the Vice-President (Administration & Finance) met with the Deans to discuss budget management, identify pressure points, and prepare for the 2026–27 fiscal year. These discussions formed part of a Deans' Council planning session in August, which also addressed enrolment, recruitment, and core retention.

G. Gatién provided an update on the Academic Strategic Plan, noting that he completed the remaining consultations with academic units during his time as Acting Provost. Consultations also took place with the Indigenous Peoples' Centre, the Centre for Teaching, Learning & Technology, and Co-op; however, student turnout was limited, with feedback received primarily from the BU Students' Union. A second draft of the plan has now been developed, and meetings will continue as the plan is finalized.

G. Gatién expressed appreciation to the School of Music faculty and staff for their support while he served concurrently as Acting Provost and Dean of Music.

President Bovis-Crossen expressed appreciation to K. Campbell and G. Gatién for their leadership during the transition period and thanked those who supported them. She acknowledged their efforts in ensuring a smooth start to the academic term. The President further commented on the recent consultations with the Deans, noting that this practice enhances financial literacy, visibility,

transparency, and accountability within the University. She emphasized her support in continuing this approach to ensure clarity in financial processes.

A question was raised regarding whether the findings and responses from the consultations with the Deans could be shared with the Board. G. Gatien advised that the information has not yet been compiled but could be shared once it is available.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Motion: 2026 Board Meeting Schedule

Motion: Moved and seconded (B. Hill/S. Frangi)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors approve the 2026 meeting schedule as follows:

Board of Governors - Meeting Dates

Saturday, January 24, 2026

Saturday, March 21, 2026

Saturday, May 9, 2026

Saturday, June 20, 2026

Saturday, September 26, 2026

Saturday, November 28, 2026

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A motion sheet with the proposed meeting schedule was included in the agenda package. The Chair provided a brief overview, noting that the proposed schedule aligns with standard practice and that any deviations from the fourth Saturday of the month are due to holidays and operational requirements of the University.

There were no questions or discussion on the motion.

CARRIED

5.2 Nominations and Elections for the Appointments to Board Committees

Motion: Moved and seconded (Q. Pearce/K. Lumgair)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors approve the appointment of the following individuals to the indicated committee(s) for the 2025-2026 period:

Knowles- Douglas Student Centre

**Katheryne Lumgair (Board Representative)
Peter Hickey (Administration Representative)**

Board of Trustees of the BU Retirement Plan

**Peter Hickey (Administration Representative)
Quintin Pearce (Board Representative)**

Board of Directors of the Brandon University Foundation

**Quintin Pearce (OIC non-student Representative) – *also member of the
Foundation Management Committee*
Emmanuelle Shakotko (Student Representative)
Bryan Hill (Faculty Senator)**

Brandon University Senate

Katheryne Lumgair (Board Representative)

Governance and Nominating Committee

**Ravi Dwivedula (Faculty Senator)
Charles Adamu (Student Representative)
Katheryne Lumgair (OIC Representative)**

Finance Committee

**Bryan Hill (Faculty Senator)
Michelle Williams-Joel (Student Representative)
Joseph Pelletier (OIC Representative)**

Audit and Risk Committee

**Sunday Frangi (External Board Member-at-Large Representative)
Steven Soder (External Board Member-at-Large Representative)**

Human Resource Committee

Sunday Frangi (External Board Member-at-Large Representative)

A notice of motion sheet was included in the agenda package, reflecting those who submitted their interest to serve on committees. The Chair invited volunteers to fill the remaining vacancies, all of which were successfully filled. The motion to approve the committee appointments was carried.

CARRIED

5.3 Annual Signing of Fiduciary Duty & Conflict of Interest Agreement

The Chair spoke to the Annual Signing of the Fiduciary Duty & Conflict of Interest Agreement. The Agreement and accompanying form were included in the meeting package and are to be signed annually by Board members and resources to reaffirm their acknowledgment of fiduciary duties and avoidance of conflicts of interest. The Conflict-of-Interest form, approved by the Board in June 2023 and updated in December 2024, is also to be completed annually. Members attending in person were asked to sign and leave the forms in their folders, while virtual attendees were asked to submit via email. New Board members who have already completed the agreements are not required to re-sign.

5.4 Board Retreat Discussion

The Chair addressed the timing of the Board retreat, noting that due to staffing changes in the President's Office and the delayed start of term for President Bovis-Crossen, the retreat was rescheduled from September to November. The Chair expressed interest in establishing the retreat as an annual half-day event at the start of each academic year to focus on strategic planning. The Board agreed that this should occur annually prior to the first meeting of the academic year. The Chair will work with M. Lamontagne to propose potential dates once the President's schedule is confirmed.

The Chair also noted that the Service Recognition Luncheon will follow the November 22 Board meeting, providing an opportunity to recognize and thank Board members, including those whose terms concluded over the past year.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

6.1 Board University Governance Training – Cheryl Foy

The Chair informed the Board that a virtual University Governance Training workshop, facilitated by Cheryl Foy, will be held on November 19. M. Lamontagne will follow up with details after the meeting. Members were advised to register only if committed to attending, as there is a cost per participant.

G. Gatien left the meeting at 9:22 a.m.

7. MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

Motion: Moved and seconded (C. Adamu/S. Frangi)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting move to Closed Session.

CARRIED

8. RAISE MOTION(S) FROM CLOSED SESSION

The following motions were raised from Closed Session:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Kevan Sumner be elected as Chair of the Board of Governors.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Quintin Pearce be elected as Vice-Chair of the Board of Governors.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Joseph Pelletier be elected as Secretary of the Board of Governors.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Dean Hammond be elected as Treasurer of the Board of Governors.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors approve Linda Ross' term extension as Acting Dean of Health Studies until such time that a new Dean of Health Studies is appointed.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved and seconded (Q. Pearce/S. Frangi)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourn at 11:22 a.m.

CARRIED