

**MINUTES OF THE 554<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF DAWSON COLLEGE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2026, AT 6:00 P.M. BY VIDEOCONFERENCE**

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PRESENT:           Leanne Bennett                   Karina D’Ermo                   Benoit Larose  
                      Sean Smith, Chair               Danica V. Meredith             Daniel Kocur  
                      Julia Cohen-Levy               Catherine Loiacono            Luis Dieppa Perez  
                      Jean-Philippe Fournier       Gabriel Sperneac

REGRETS:           Daniel Teodori                   Ella Dubé                        Émilie Richer  
                      Pelagia Nickoletopoulos      Paul Hawkins

College Officers:   Maxwell Jones                   Samuel V. Saint-Hilaire      Glenys Ronnie  
                      Donna Varrica                   Pascahl Scott

Also Present        Gabrielle Gayrard

Recording Secretary to the Board:   Elise Harding

**Agenda**

- 554.1   ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE 554<sup>th</sup> MEETING**
- 554.2   ACQUISITION OF A DIGITAL X-RAY MACHINE**
- 554.3   DELEGATION OF DIRECTOR GENERAL’S AUTHORITY**
- 554.4   ADJOURNMENT**

**554.1   ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE 554<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**

It was moved by Daniel Kocur, seconded by Luis Dieppa Perez, **THAT THE AGENDA OF THE 554<sup>th</sup> MEETING BE ADOPTED.**

The motion was adopted unanimously.

**554.2   ACQUISITION OF A DIGITAL X-RAY MACHINE**

Samuel Vallery Saint-Hilaire, Director of Facilities Management, stated that the College’s Diagnostic Imaging Program currently operates three x-ray machines that are at or near end of their useful life. The most urgent unit requiring replacement, the Philips Digital Diagnost 3, was donated to the College by a hospital in September 2013 and has an expected lifespan of 7-10 years. The unit is no longer functioning reliably and no longer provides image quality that meets program or clinical training requirements.

To replace this machine, a public call for tenders was published on SÉAO (Electronic Tendering Service) on January 16, 2026, for the acquisition of a digital x-ray machine, with a table and wall-mount, including transportation, staff training and a five-year warranty.

Four suppliers obtained the tender documents. However, only one supplier submitted a bid. The sole bid received was reviewed and determined to be compliant and acceptable.

The limited number of bidders can be attributed to the very tight delivery timeline of four to six weeks, which was imposed due to the capital spending limits which expire on March, 31, 2026. As a result, the equipment must be delivered no later than March 31, 2026. A Special Board meeting was required since the next regular Board meeting on February 24, 2026, would not allow for the 6 week delivery lead time. Even though only one supplier submitted a bid, the purchasing team estimates that the price is representative of the market value since the actual price is lower than the initial estimate.

A Board member inquired about the two other x-ray machines that are nearing the end of their useful life. Leanne Bennet, Academic Dean and Interim Director General, responded that the College is uncertain at the moment about being able to purchase other equipment because of financial constraints. The department is exploring alternative options, such as delivering part of the teaching at hospitals.

*Il est proposé par Gabriel Sperneac, appuyé par Daniel Kocur, **QUE LE CONSEIL D'ADMINISTRATION AUTORISE LE COLLÈGE À PROCÉDER À L'ACQUISITION D'UN APPAREIL DE RADIOGRAPHIE NUMÉRIQUE AVEC SUPPORTS DE TABLE ET MURAL, INCLUANT LE TRANSPORT, LA FORMATION AINSI QU'UNE GARANTIE PROLONGÉE DE CINQ (5) ANS AUPRÈS DE « APEXIUM GROUPE MÉDICAL INC. », POUR UN MONTANT TOTAL DE 396 000 \$ EXCLUANT LES TAXES.***

*La résolution a été adoptée à l'unanimité.*

(It was moved by Gabriel Sperneac, seconded by Daniel Kocur, **THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS AUTHORIZES THE COLLEGE TO PROCEED WITH THE ACQUISITION OF AN X-RAY MACHINE WITH TABLE AND WALL-MOUNTED SUPPORTS, INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION, TRAINING, AND A FIVE (5) YEAR EXTENDED WARRANTY FROM "APEXIUM GROUPE MÉDICAL INC.", FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$396,000, EXCLUDING TAXES.**)

(The motion was adopted unanimously.)

### **554.3 DELEGATION OF DIRECTOR GENERAL'S AUTHORITY**

Leanne Bennett, Academic Dean and Interim Director General, reported that she will be on vacation from February 16 to February 20 inclusively, therefore her authority will need to be delegated.

*Il est proposé par Luis Dieppa Perez, appuyé par Julia Cohen-Levy, **QU'EN L'ABSENCE DE LA DIRECTRICE GÉNÉRALE PAR INTÉRIM ET DE LA DIRECTRICE DES ÉTUDES, DÉLÉGUER LES POUVOIRS DE LA DIRECTRICE GÉNÉRALE À DONNA VARRICA DU 16 FÉVRIER AU 20 FÉVRIER INCLUSIVEMENT.***

*La résolution a été adoptée à l'unanimité.*

(It was moved by Luis Dieppa Perez, seconded by Julia Cohen-Levy, **THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF THE INTERIM DIRECTOR GENERAL AND THE ACADEMIC DEAN, DELEGATE THE AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL TO DONNA VARRICA FROM FEBRUARY 16 TO FEBRUARY 20 INCLUSIVELY.**)

(The motion was adopted unanimously.)

**554.4 ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Signatures:

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Sean Smith  
Board Chair

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Donna Varrica  
Director, Communications & Corporate  
Affairs