

MINUTES OF THE 553rd SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF DAWSON COLLEGE HELD ON WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 19, 2025, AT 6:00 P.M. BY VIDEOCONFERENCE

PRESENT: Diane Gauvin Karina D’Ermo Benoit Larose
Leanne Bennett Ella Dubé Paul Hawkins
Sean Smith, Chair Danica V. Meredith Daniel Kocur
Pelagia Nickoletopoulos Catherine Loiacono Luis Dieppa Perez
Julia Cohen-Levy Émilie Richer

REGRETS: Daniel Teodori Gabriel Sperneac Jean-Philippe Fournier

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

Chair of Senate: Ben Seamone

Also Present: Gabrielle Gayrard Maeve Muldowney Wilson Wong
Brid NicNiocaill Tommy Diamantakos

Recording Secretary to the Board: Elise Harding

Agenda

- 553.1 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE 553RD MEETING**
- 553.2 APPOINTMENT OF THE INTERIM DIRECTOR GENERAL**
- 553.3 UPDATE TO THE SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL**
- 553.4 ADJOURNMENT**

553.1 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE 553RD MEETING

It was moved by Julia Cohen-Levy, seconded by Daniel Kocur, **THAT THE AGENDA OF THE 553RD MEETING BE ADOPTED.**

The motion was adopted unanimously.

553.2 APPOINTMENT OF THE INTERIM DIRECTOR GENERAL

Leanne Bennett was not present for this item. On December 31, 2025, Diane Gauvin will be retiring from her position as Director General. The Director General position will therefore become vacant. In the interim, it is proposed to temporarily appoint the Academic Dean, Leanne Bennett, to the position, as provided by Article 2.02 of Bylaw

3. A Board member asked for more information regarding the choice of Leanne Bennett as interim Director General.

It was moved by Pelagia Nickoletopoulos, seconded by Catherine Loiacono to move the meeting in camera.

*I) Il est proposé par Pelagia Nickoletopoulos, appuyé par Danica Meredith, **QUE LEANNE BENNETT SOIT NOMMÉE DIRECTRICE GÉNÉRALE PAR INTÉRIM.***

La résolution a été adoptée à l'unanimité.

*II) Il est proposé par Julia Cohen-Levy, appuyé par Catherine Loiacono, **QUE LEANNE BENNETT SOIT NOMMÉE À COMPTER DU 1^{ER} JANVIER AU 1^{ER} AOÛT 2026 (ARTICLE 12).***

La résolution a été adoptée à l'unanimité des personnes habiles à voter.

i) (It was moved by Pelagia Nickoletopoulos, seconded by Danica Meredith, **THAT LEANNE BENNETT BE APPOINTED INTERIM DIRECTOR GENERAL.**)

(The motion was adopted unanimously.)

ii) (It was moved by Julia Cohen-Levy, seconded by Catherine Loiacono, **THAT LEANNE BENNETT BE APPOINTED AS OF JANUARY 1ST TO AUGUST 1ST, 2026 (ARTICLE 12).**)

(The motion was adopted unanimously by those eligible to vote.)

553.3 UPDATE TO THE SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

On April 16, 2025 (BOG 547.6.5), according to Bylaw 3, a selection committee for the appointment of the next Director General was constituted. Given that the selection committee does not have a recommendation to present to the Board, the new timeline and the composition of the committee needs to be determined to move forward.

Karina D'Ermo stepped down from the committee. Sean Smith nominated Danica Meredith. Ella Dubé nominated herself. A Board member requested a secret vote. Therefore, the Board went to a vote by majority. Danica Meredith was elected by a majority to join the selection committee.

*i) Il est proposé par Daniel Kocur, appuyé par Pelagia Nickoletopoulos, **QUE LE CALENDRIER PROPOSÉ SOIT ADOPTÉ, À LA FIN DUQUEL, SI AUCUNE RECOMMANDATION N'EST PRÉSENTÉE, LE MANDAT DU COMITÉ DE SÉLECTION SERA TERMINÉ.***

La résolution a été adoptée à l'unanimité.

*ii) Il est proposé par Daniel Kocur, appuyé par Julia Cohen-Levy, **QUE DANICA MEREDITH SOIT NOMMÉE À TITRE DE MEMBRE EXTERNE DU COMITÉ DE SÉLECTION, EN REMPLACEMENT DE KARINA D'ERMO ET QUE TOUS LES AUTRES MEMBRES DU COMITÉ DE SÉLECTION SOIENT RECONDUITS.***

La résolution a été adoptée à l'unanimité.

I) (It was moved by Daniel Kocur, seconded by Pelagia Nickoletopoulos, **THAT THE PROPOSED TIMETABLE BE ADOPTED, AT THE END OF WHICH, IF NO RECOMMENDATION HAS BEEN MADE, THE MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE IS COMPLETE.**)

(The motion was adopted unanimously.)

ii) (It was moved by Daniel Kocur, seconded by Julia Cohen-Levy, **THAT DANICA MEREDITH BE NAMED AS AN EXTERNAL MEMBER OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE, REPLACING KARINA D'ERMO, AND THAT ALL THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE BE RENAMED.**)

(The motion was adopted unanimously.)

553.4 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Signatures:

Sean Smith
Board Chair

Donna Varrica
Director, Communications & Corporate
Affairs