



UNIVERSITY
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**UPEI BOARD OF GOVERNORS
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING**

Friday, June 23, 2023

7:30 am

Via Zoom

MINUTES

- Members Present:** Mr. Alex MacBeath, Vice-Chair, UPEI Board of Governors; Dr. Greg Keefe, President; Hon. Catherine Callbeck, Chancellor; Mr. Steve Bellamy; Mr. James Bradley; Professor Tim Carroll; Ms. Karen Creighan; Mr. Peter Hayes; Dr. Geraldine Johnston; Dr. Christian Lacroix; Mr. Alex MacBeath; Dr. Sandy MacDonald; Ms. Shannon MacDonald; Ms. Camille Mady; Dr. Bill Montelpare; Ms. Perlene Morrison; Mr. Brian Thompson
- Regrets:** Mr. Shreesh Agrawal; Dr. Rabin Bissessur; Ms. Kateri Coade
- Staff Present:** Ms. Michelle Arbing, Executive Assistant, Board of Governors
- Guests:** Mr. Frank Callaghan, BLG
Mr. Murray Murphy, Stewart McKelvey
- Observer(s):** Ms. Kim Mears

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Alex MacBeath, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:33 a.m. and indicated that he is chairing this meeting by virtue of Mr. Pat Sinnott's resignation.

Mr. Alex MacBeath indicated that the main purpose of this meeting is to elect a Chair of the Board of Governors. He noted that there is an in-camera portion to the meeting wherein observers will be asked to leave the meeting.

2. UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT

President Greg Keefe indicated that with the permission of the Board, the Rubin Thomlinson Report was released last Wednesday. Prior to its public release, there were discussions with stakeholders, union leaders and deans on Wednesday morning, as an opportunity to provide a Report summary and actions being taken.

President Keefe met with the Ombudsperson of PEI, who explained the role of her office, as an additional layer of appeal outside that of an organization. President Keefe also spoke with the leader of the Green Party of PEI who was bringing forth the legislation. The President also indicated that conversations have been occurring with the Government of PEI.

The President shared that today, it was announced that a town hall for UPEI faculty and staff would be held next week as an opportunity for questions to be asked and to talk about the path forward together.

President Keefe referenced the resignation of Mr. Pat Sinnott and Mr. Andrew Bartlett, resulting in the selection of a new Chair and seven vacancies on the Board of Governors. He indicated that it is really important that we are thoughtful in filling these position moving forward as we recognize the fields highlighted in the Report.

Clarification by President Keefe was provided that the town hall was an opportunity for the University Community to come together and be able to speak openly and freely and that Board Members would be welcome as Members of the Community. He noted that this town hall would not be open to media but that he would be available to media after the town hall.

3. CHAIR, BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Mr. Brian Thompson voiced his nomination for Ms. Shannon MacDonald as Chair, Board of Governors, noting her attributes and accomplishments, among which is her fairness, thoroughness, being knowledgeable and intelligent; recently being nominated as Chair of the Presidential Search Committee. As well as an accomplished career with Accenture Canada and previously with Deloitte.

There were no other nominations put forth.

- 1) MOVED Mr. Brian Thompson, SECONDED by Mr. Alex MacBeath that Ms. Shannon MacDonald be appointed Chair, UPEI Board of Governors, effective immediately. CARRIED.**

Ms. Shannon MacDonald left the meeting

MEETING MOVED TO IN CAMERA

MEETING MOVED TO OPEN SESSION

Ms. Shannon MacDonald rejoined the meeting.

Mr. Alex MacBeath indicated that Board Members voted Ms. Shannon MacDonald as Chair, UPEI Board of Governors.

Ms. Shannon MacDonald thanked Members for their vote of confidence. Ms. MacDonald shared that she will take this role very seriously and that she is prepared and excited to work with the President with the renewal process.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 a.m.