

# Minutes of a meeting of the USask Board of Governors

**Monday, October 3, 2022**  
**Emmett Hall Boardroom - PMB 238**

- Present:** Shelley Brown (Chair), Joy Crawford (via Zoom), Grant Devine (June 21), Abhineet Goswami, Nadeem Jamali, Ritu Malhotra, Grit McCreath, Keith Martell, Louise Simard, Peter Stoicheff
- Regrets:** Marty Seymour
- Resource Officers:** Greg Fowler, Airini, Baljit Singh, David Stack, Dailene Kells, Trevor Batters, Julian Demkiw (secretary), Sheena Tait-Rowan (recording secretary)
- Guests:** Devan Mescall, incoming chief financial officer; Andrea Lafond, chief executive officer and Mike Velonas, manager planning and conservation, Meewasin Valley Authority.

## 1. Roll Call

2. The Chair called the meeting to order with Board members and management present at 8:12 am on Monday, October 3, 2022. The Chair commented on the horrific tragedy that fell upon James Smith Cree Nation this last week, and the sadness of Queen Elizabeth II's passing.

## 3. President's statement

The President welcomed members to the fall meeting of the Board.

He acknowledged the significant tragedy that took place at James Smith Cree Nation. USask has offered support in various ways to all students, staff, and faculty with connections to James Smith Cree Nation. The Gordon Oakes Red Bear Student Centre has played a key role in working with post-secondary coordinators to address the immediate and future needs of students from James Smith Cree Nation.

Additional items highlighted by the President, included:

- Fall term Welcome week and enrolment numbers
- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – USask observance and campus activities organized to commemorate the day.
- Pandemic response – continued monitoring and current masking preferred approach
- USask's receipt of the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) major science initiatives funding

## 4. Identification of Conflicts of Interest related to the business of the meeting

None identified

**5. Approval of the agenda**

The agenda was approved as distributed.

**6. Approval of the consent agenda**

That the Board of Governors approved the agenda as distributed.

**CARRIED**

Committee and Board proper decision items were presented via consent agenda.

**7. CONSENT AGENDA**

*Please note that all decision items are included on the consent agenda. At a member's request, any of these items may be removed from the consent agenda for further discussion*

**BOG 6 Approval of Consent Agenda**

That the Board of Governors approves the consent agenda item(s) as presented.

**BOG 7 Minutes of the Board of Governors meeting of Monday, October 3, 2022.**

That the Board of Governors approves the minutes of the Monday, October 3, 2022, meeting.

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

**GE Governance and Executive Committee**

GE 3 Appointment of members to search and review committees

The Board of Governors approves the appointment of the Board members to search and review committees as presented, effective immediately.

**HR Human Resources Committee (no decision items)**

**LF Land and Facilities Committee**

LF 5 Electronic door access project

The Board of Governors provides final approval of the Electronic Door Access Controls – Phase 1 of project – understanding that the estimate for the Phase 1 project of the capital cost of the program is at \$3.0 million.

LF 6 Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) Proposals exceeding \$500,000

Development of controlled facilities for insect research (updated approval required)

The Board of Governors grants approval of the final programme, revised capital and operating budgets for the Development of Controlled Facilities for Insect Research CFI proposal.

LF 7 Revisions to University Traffic Bylaws

The Board of Governors approves the revisions to the University of Saskatchewan Traffic Bylaws (Section 100 of the *University of Saskatchewan Act, 1995*) as described in the written meeting materials, effective October 3, 2022.

**AF Audit and Finance Committee – no decision items**

The following resolution was moved and seconded.

The Board of Governors approves the consent agenda items as presented.

CARRIED

**BOG 8 Approval of Sylvia Fedoruk Canadian Centre for Nuclear Innovation, Inc. New Board Member**

The Board of Governors appoints Mr. Iain Harry, senior business advisor at SaskPower, to the Board of Directors of the Sylvia Fedoruk Canadian Centre for Nuclear Innovation, Inc. for a term ending at the AGM in June 2025.

CARRIED

**BOG 9 Joint Committee on Chairs and Professorships (\*moved from Item 10)**

The Board of Governors approves the Jarislowsky Chair in Regenerative Agriculture, pending the approval of the Council.

CARRIED

**BOG 10 Expenditures from the Greystone Heritage Trust**

a. Huskie Athletics Championship Funding

The Board of Governors approves up to a five-year commitment from the Flair Fund, under the Greystone Heritage Trust, to support annual Huskie Athletics Championship Funding.

b. Bridge Funding to match a donor's gift

The Board of Governors approves a temporary expenditure of from the Greystone Heritage Trust, as per the Trust's terms (1989), to match a gift from a donor.

CARRIED

**BOG 11 Meewasin Valley Authority (MVA) Presentation**

The Board Chair welcomed to the meeting Andrea Lafond, Chief Executive Officer, and Mike Velonas, Manager of Planning and Conservation at MVA. Ms. Lafond and Mr. Velonas shared the history of the Meewasin Valley project and spoke to the MVA's mandate – conserve, develop and educate. The Board Chair thanked Ms. Lafond and Mr. Velonas for an excellent presentation.

**The following items were provided for information:**

**BOG 12 University Relations update**

**BOG 13 Commercialization and Innovation Strategy – Global Institute for Food Security (GIFS)**

**BOG 14 Items from Council**

Policy Oversight Committee Annual Report 2021-2022

**BOG 15 Electronic Approvals since July 2022**

*The meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm and the Board moved to in-camera sessions.*

**BOG 16 Board only session – including president**

**BOG 17 In-camera session – without president**