

USask Board of Governors Public Minutes
February 10, 2026
Collaborative Science Research Building, CSRB 210

- Members:** Keith Martell (Chair), Mike Marsh, Emma Wintermute, Ryan Walker, Vince Bruni-Bossio, Herb McFaull, Marty Seymour, Grant Devine, Scott Banda, Karen Stewart
- Regrets:** Corinna Stevenson
- Present:** Greg Fowler, Baljit Singh, Julian Demkiw, Anna Okapiec

Call to Order – 1:05 pm

1. Approval of the Agenda

Motion: *That the Agenda be approved as circulated.*

2. Board Vice-Chair Recommendation

The University Secretary presented this item for Board to approve the appointment of Corinna Stevenson to Board Vice-Chair for a two-year term. As part of this approval, she will also assume the role of Chair of the Governance and Executive Committee, in accordance with the Board's bylaws.

Motion: *The Board of Governors approves the appointment of Corinna Stevenson as Board Vice-Chair for a two-year term, effective February 10, 2026.*

3. Appointment of Directors to USPI (Land Trust)

The University Secretary presented the proposed appointments, which address vacancies arising from recent Board departures, support continuity, and the effective governance of the university's endowment lands.

Motion: *The Board of Governors approves the appointment of Vince Bruni-Bossio and Mike Marsh to the Board of Directors of USask Properties Investment Inc. effective February 10, 2026.*

4. Proposal to Acquire Quantum Computer

The Vice-President Research presented the \$1.93 million PrairiesCan-funded purchase of a quantum computer, with discussion confirming its strategic value, future applications, and secure housing at the Canadian Light Source.

Motion: *The Board of Governors provide final approval of the capital purchase of 1.93M to acquire a quantum computer for USask researchers.*

5. Proposal to Acquire Cryogenic-Electron Microscopy

The Vice-President Research presented the proposed CFI-aligned acquisition of a 200 kV cryogenic electron microscope, with discussion noting the opportunity to acquire equipment from UBC, funding contingencies, and expectations for future reporting on project outcomes.

Motion: The Board of Governors approves to expend no more than \$1,200,000 for the purchase and installation of a 200 kV cryogenic-electron microscopy for investigating molecular mechanisms of pathogen defense.

6. CUPE Collective Agreement

The Vice-President Administration presented the tentative CUPE Local 1975 collective agreement, with discussion focused on budget impacts, including one-time and ongoing costs, and overall financial implications.

Motion: That the Board of Governors approve the tentative collective agreement between the University of Saskatchewan (USask) and the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 1975 (CUPE 1975), covering the period from January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2028, contingent on CUPE 1975 membership also ratifying the tentative collective agreement. CUPE 1975's ratification meeting and voting are currently scheduled for February 24 and 25, 2026.

In-Camera Session

Board Adjourned 2:35 p.m.

