

# Student Association of George Brown College

## Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Monday, September 16, 2024

**Time:** 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**Location:** Casa Loma Campus – Boardroom

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<b>Board of Directors – Voting Members</b>	
<b>Executive Members:</b>	
Director of Communications and Internal	Ayush Dara
Director of Operations	Erubey Lechuga Molina
Director of Education and Equity	Muhammad Usman
Director of Student Experience	Peter Corno
<b>Educational Centre Representatives:</b>	
Arts, Design and Information Technology Representative	Rishabh Dhawan
Business Representative	Mahi Batra
Community Services and Early Childhood Representative	Barichisu Osman Abugbila
Construction and Engineering Representative	Ibrahim Hatia
Health Science Representative, including school of Nursing	Rishita Gupta
Hospitality and Culinary Arts Representative	Simran Kaur
Preparatory and Liberal Studies Representative	Kulvir Singh
<b>Non-Voting Member:</b>	
General Manager	Rosalyn Miller
<b>Resources:</b>	
Chair	Kayla Weiler
Minute Taker	Jessica Pasion
George Brown College Representative	Dr. Terry McQuaid
Operations Manager	Wafa Ulliyen
<b>Guests:</b>	
Dialog	Alina Rothe-Neves
Senior Finance Coordinator	Galina Chible
Millard and Co, Legal Counsel	Ben Millard
Executive Director, George Brown College Foundation	Allan Penning
Director of Advancement & Alumni Engagement, George Brown College	Krisztina Arany, M.Ed.
Principle, Grant Thornton LLP	Melanie Dugard
Chief Returning Officer	Charles Wilson

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### 1. Roll Call:

<b>Board of Directors: Voting Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Regrets</b>
<b>Executive Members:</b>			
<i>Director of Communications and Internal</i>	✓		
<i>Director of Operations</i>	✓		
<i>Director of Student Experience</i>	✓		
<i>Director of Education and Equity</i>	✓		
<b>Educational Centre Representatives:</b>			
<i>Arts, Design and Information Technology Representative</i>	✓		
<i>Business Representative</i>	✓		
<i>Community Services and Early Childhood Representative</i>	✓		
<i>Construction and Engineering Representative</i>	✓		
<i>Health Science Representative, including school of Nursing</i>			✓
<i>Hospitality and Culinary Arts Representative</i>		✓	
<i>Preparatory and Liberal Studies Representative</i>	✓		
<b>Non-Voting Member</b>			
<i>General Manager</i>	✓		

### **Land Recognition Statement:**

*I would like to take a moment before we continue to recognize that as many of us are settlers on this land, it is our collective responsibility to pay respect and recognize that this land is traditional territory of the Mississauga's of the Credit First Nation and that we are here because this land was occupied. In recognition that this space occupies colonized First Nation territories, and out of respect for the rights of Indigenous people, it is our collective responsibility to honor, protect and sustain this land.*

### 2. Call to Order:

**Time:** 6:13PM

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### \* **By-law status update**

- The General Manager announces and confirms that that registrar's office has confirmed that Board Representative Kulvir Singh has a part-time status since the beginning of the semester and therefore based on By-law 5, declaration that the position is vacant as per the bylaws 1 and bylaws 3. Kulvir Singh has also confirmed he is on a part-time status.
- The chair goes on to confirm the individual no longer has the ability to vote but can stay and be present at the meeting.

### 3. **Approval of the Agenda**

**Be it resolved** that the Board of Directors accept the agenda as presented.

**Moved by:** Ayush Dara, Director of Communications and Internal

**Seconded by:** Rishabh Dhawan, Arts, Design and Information Technology Representative

**Discussion:** *Any amendments to the agenda should be made at this time.*

- Business Representative, Mahi Batra requesting to amend the agenda to add in-camera session with Legal Counsel as item 6
- Business Representative does not disclose the content or details of the need for the in-camera session and Legal Counsel explains why it cannot be included without context
- The Chair then makes the decision based on Roberts Rules to not include the item in the agenda as no context, details or topic is provided by the Business Representative
- The Business Representative disregards the explanation of why the motion cannot be entertained by Legal Counsel and Chair, and goes on further to insist it is included in the agenda and pleads to the Chair
- The Chair then recommends that as she senses the topic is of sensitive nature to communicate with Legal Counsel outside of the board meeting.
- Director of Communications and Internal seeks clarification on the matter

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- The Business Representative updates the folks that the discussion is in relation to her position and responsibilities
- The Chair then goes further to say the motion is out of order and advises the Business Representative to discuss with Legal
- The Business Representative updates the members further, that the discussion is in relation to elections
- The Chair reconfirms that the motion is out of order and moves on with the Board meeting

**Motion to amend** the agenda to add 'Update GBC value refresher project' as item 14

**Moved by:** Ayush Dara, Director of Communications and Internal

**Seconded by:** Erubey Lechuga Molina, Director of Operations

**Discussion:**

- o Update to be provided by the Director of Student Experience
- o The Business Representative restates that she would like for her motion to move forward and is requesting
- o Legal Counsel explains the process and recommends stepping away from the board meeting to listen and advise
- o Business Representative steps away from the board meeting to discuss with Legal

**Vote:** Carries

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#### 4. Limitation of Speakers

**Be it resolved** that all discussions and/or debates be limited to three (3) speakers for and three (3) speakers against each individual motion.

**Moved by:** Ayush Dara, Director of Communications and Internal

**Seconded by:** Erubey Lechuga Molina, Director of Operations

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** Carries

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### 5. Speaking Time

**Be it resolved** that the Board of Directors, resource persons and guests respect Robert’s Rules of Order and, when invited to speak by the Chair, limit their speaking time to 3 minutes per item.

**Moved by:** Ayush Dara, Director of Communications and Internal

**Seconded by:** Erubey Lechuga Molina, Director of Operations

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** Carries

### 6. Approval of Minutes (Appendix A)

**Whereas** the meeting minutes from the August 19, 2024 Board meeting requires approval.

**Be it resolved** that the Board of Directors accept the meeting minutes of August 19, 2024 (Appendix A) Board meeting as presented.

**Moved by:** Ayush Dara, Director of Communications and Internal

**Seconded by:** Erubey Lechuga Molina, Director of Operations

**Discussion:** *Any amendments to the meeting minutes should be made at this time.*

- No amendments were requested or notified to be made

**Vote:** Carries

### 7. Declaration of Conflict

*At this time members are to come forward to disclose any conflicts of interest they may have, either work related, personal relationships, etc.*

- No declaration of conflict was announced

### 8. Audit May 31 2024 Statements and Report

*Presentation by Grant Thornton LLP*

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## **9. Donor Impact Report from GBC Foundation – Appendix B**

*Presentation by Allan Penning, Executive Director, George Brown College Foundation*

## **10. Chair of the Election Committee**

*Presentation by Chief Returning Officer, Charles Wilson*

**Whereas** the By-law 12: Elections is read as follows

### ***BY-LAW 12: ELECTIONS:***

The Student Association of George Brown College is committed to elected leadership, chosen from and by its student membership. The Student Association, by way of these By-laws, seeks to ensure that the election process is conducted in a fair, consistent and accessible manner

### **Timing Of Elections**

3. a) The timetable for the elections shall be as follows:

- i. for the fall election, the voting shall conclude no later than the first Friday in December; and
- ii. for spring elections, the voting shall end no later than the first Friday in April.

b) The elections shall be divided into four periods:

- i. Nominations period, which shall start on the 5th business day prior to the close of Nominations and shall end on day approved for the close of nominations;
- ii. Campaign period which shall begin on the 10th business day before the Close of Voting, and continue until the close of voting;
- iii. Voting Period shall be the five days approved by the Board for voting;
- iv. the period in between the close of nominations and the start of the campaign period. (By-laws 2019as amended O2020, b.12, s.3)

**Whereas** the by-laws require a fall election to be held which shall conclude no later than the last Friday in December;

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**And whereas** the Elections Committee has been unable to meet and dispatch the business of setting the date of the elections meeting;

**Be it resolved that** the Board of Directors approves the following dates for the Fall Election:

- Nominations Period shall be November 4, 2024 to November 8, 2024;
- Campaign Period shall be November 13, 2024 to November 29, 2024; and
- Voting Period shall be November 25, 2024 to November 29, 2024

**Moved by:** Peter Corno, Director of Student Experience

**Seconded by:** Barichisu Osman Abugbila, Community Services and Early Childhood Representative

**Discussion:**

**Vote:** Failed

\*\* Motion directed back to the Elections Committee

\*\*\* Director of Education and Equity leaves at 7:18PM – does not return back the rest of the meeting

\*\*\* Arts, Design and Information Technology Representative leaves soon after for most of the meeting

### **11. Transit Adhoc Negotiation Committee – Appendix C**

**Whereas** the previous Transit Ad Hoc Committee has provided three key recommendations to the Board,

**Be it resolved** that the Board establishes a new Transit Ad Hoc Negotiation Committee dedicated to addressing and implementing the recommendations from the dissolved committee

**Be it resolved** that, the board directs the Transit Ad Hoc Negotiation Committee to discuss with GBC regarding the potential to co-fund the PRESTO Loads Program to support students' transit needs.

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**Be it further resolved** that the Board directs the Transit Ad Hoc Negotiation Committee to explore the requirements and feasibility of initiating a U-Pass referendum.

**Be it further resolved** that the Transit Ad Hoc Committee shall be responsible for investigating potential sponsorships and donations from stakeholders, including the college and other relevant parties, to support the PRESTO card load program.

**Be it further resolved** that the Board appoints Director of Education and Equity, Muhammad Usman, Community Services and Early Childhood Representative, Barichisu Osman Abugbila Barichisu Osman Abugbila and Business Representative, Mahi Batra as voting members of the Transit Ad Hoc Negotiation Committee.

**Be it further resolved** that the Board appoints Construction and Engineering Representative, Ibrahim Hatia as the Chair of the Transit Ad Hoc Negotiation Committee.

**Be it further resolved** that the ad hoc committee will be last until the end of the April 2025, subjected to extension by the board.

**Moved by:** Ibrahim Hatia, Construction and Engineering Representative

**Second By:** Mahi Batra, Business Representative

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** Carries

\*\*\*\* Quorum is lost at 7:29PM

\*\*\*\* Quorum resumes and meeting at 7:30PM

## 12. Executive Committee August Report (Appendix D)

*Presented by Ayush Dara, Director of Communications*

**Be it resolved that** the Board of Directors accept the Executive Committee August report as presented.

**Moved by:** Ayush Dara, Director of Communications and Internal

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**Seconded by:** Mahi Batra, Business Representative

**Discussion:**

**Vote:** Carries

### 13. **Board Accountability August Report (Appendix E)**

*Presented by Ayush Dara, Director of Communications and Internal*

**Be it resolved that** the Board of Directors accept the Board Accountability August report as presented.

**Moved by:** Ayush Dara, Director of Communications and Internal

**Seconded by:** Ibrahim Hatia, Construction and Engineering Representative

**Discussion:**

**Vote:** Carries

### 14. **Other Business**

#### - **CFS Ontario AGM Report – Appendix F**

- Presented/ Submitted by Ayush Dara, Director of Communications and Internal; Erubey Lechuga Molina, Director of Operations; Rishabh Dhawan, Design and Information Technology Representative and Ibrahim Hatia, Construction and Engineering Representative

### 15. **Adjournment**

**Whereas** the Board Meeting was scheduled till **8:00 PM**

**Be it resolved** that the Board Meeting is adjourned at 8:02PM

**Moved by:** Ibrahim Hatia, Construction and Engineering Representative

**Seconded by:** Erubey Lechuga Molina, Director of Operations

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** Carries