

Student Association of George Brown College

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday September 15, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Location: St. James Campus

Board of Directors – Voting Members	
Executive Members:	
Director of Communications and Internal	Nikita Yadav
Director of Operations	Ajani Miller
Director of Education & Equity	Jun An 'Toby' Lew
Director of Student Experience	Hanna Miller
Educational Centre Representatives:	
Arts, Design and Information Technology Representative	Navinkumar Meena
Business Representative	Naomi Deena Mathew
Community Services and Early Childhood Representative	Bryndoven O'Krafka
Construction and Engineering Representative	Jeetu Patel
Health Science Representative, including school of Nursing	Muhaddesa Atlas
Hospitality and Culinary Arts Representative	Alitzel Martinez
Preparatory and Liberal Studies Representative	Rain Avery
Non-Voting Member:	
General Manager	Rosalyn Miller
Resources:	
Chairperson	Kayla Weiler
Minute Taker	Jessica Pasion
George Brown College Representative	Ian Wigglesworth
Operations Manager	Wafa Ulliyan
Guests:	
Dialog	Mayara Sampaio
Finance Coordinator	Niki Yeung
Director, Student Life, Housing & Athletics Services George Brown College	Daniel Fok, Ph.D
Legal Counsel	Ben Millard

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1. Roll Call:

Board of Directors: Voting Members	Present	Absent	Regrets
Executive Members:			
<i>Director of Communications and Internal</i>	X		
<i>Director of Operations</i>	X		
<i>Director of Education & Equity</i>	X		
<i>Director of Student Experience</i>	X		
Educational Centre Representatives:			
<i>Arts, Design and Information Technology Representative</i>			X
<i>Business Representative</i>	X 7:00pm		
<i>Community Services and Early Childhood Representative</i>	X		
<i>Construction and Engineering Representative</i>	X 6:14pm		
<i>Health Science Representative</i>	X		
<i>Hospitality and Culinary Arts Representative</i>	X		
<i>Preparatory and Liberal Studies Representative</i>	X		
Non-Voting Member			
<i>General Manager</i>	X		

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.

Declaration to abide by Roberts Rules

All board members and guests agree to follow Roberts Rules of Order including but not limited to speaking time, the limitation of speakers and speakers list. The chairperson has the authority to call the meeting back to order as they see fit.

2. Call to Order:

Time: 6:11pm

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3. Approval of the Agenda

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

Moved by: Nikita Yadav, Director of Communications and Internal

Seconded by: Bryndoven O'Krafka, Community Services and Early Childhood Representative

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

Motion to amend the agenda to include Save our college day of action under other business

Moved by: Jun An 'Toby' Lew, Director of Education & Equity

Seconded by: Rain Avery, Preparatory and Liberal Studies Representative

Discussion: None

Vote: Carries

* Back to the main motion

Vote: Carries

4. Approval of Minutes - (Appendix A)

Whereas the meeting minutes from the August 18, 2025, Board meeting requires approval;

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors accept the meeting minutes of August 18, 2025 (Appendix A) as presented.

Moved by: Nikita Yadav, Director of Communications and Internal

Seconded by: Jeetu Patel, Construction and Engineering Representative

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

Vote: Carries

5. Declaration of Conflict

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

- Community Services and Early Childhood Representative, Bryndoven O'Krafka declares conflict on item 7b.

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6. SAGBC Committee Reports Package

Committee Reports	Appendix
Finance and Operations Committee Not Applicable	
Marketing & Communications Committee Not Applicable	
Executive Committee Report Submitted by Nikita Yadav, Director of Communications and Internal	Appendix B
Board Accountability Report (July 2025) Submitted by Nikita Yadav, Director of Communications and Internal	Appendix C
Board Accountability Report (August 2025) Submitted by Ajani Miller, Director of Operations	Appendix D
Education Advisory Committee Report Not Applicable	
General Managers Report Submitted by Rosalyn Miller, General Manager	Appendix E

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors SAGBC Reports Package be accepted as presented.

Moved by: Nikita Yadav, Director of Communications and Internal

Seconded by: Jun An 'Toby' Lew, Director of Education & Equity

Discussion: None

Vote: Carries

7. Elections Committee

a. Elections Committee Report – (tabled from August Board Meeting) –

Appendix G

Report Submitted by Rosalyn Miller, General Manager and Toby Lew, Director of Education & Equity

Be it resolved that the board accepts the Elections Committee Report as presented

Moved by: Toby Lew, Director of Education & Equity

Seconded by: Rain Avery, Preparatory and Liberal Studies Representative

Discussion:

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- Construction and Engineering Representative suggests that the terms of the Directors should run from May to April, only creating one election cycle and not spending twice, saving costs and reduction of confusion
- The Chair seeks clarification on the intent from the Construction and Engineering Representative and whether his statement was a motion to amend the motion.
- The Director of Education and Equity clarifies the process of such change and the steps needed. Also informs that at this time, changes to the timeline cant be done as it would be a bylaw change and not a standard change.
- The Director of Communications and Internal states she was going through the minutes of the previous board meeting and questions the Director of Education and Equity, "why was the meeting that was suggested to be held by the members of the board not held in the first place?" the Director of Communications and Internal also states that they did not see an attempt of asking for their availability. The Director of Communications and Internal also declares that no suggestions regarding the election committee or about the dates being merged were signaled to them. Therefore by just presenting the dates at this meeting, democracy is not being upheld; the annual general meeting is very close to the suggested election dates and does not feel very comfortable given.
- The Director of Education and Equity acknowledge the concerns and notes that's folks were in transition from Summer to Fall semester, week of welcome and other priorities. Any changes to the bylaws does need to go to policies and procedure committee. Any changes would likely go into effect for next year pending on the change and not immediately, but again pending on the changes
- The General Manager refers to the minutes and reads "the chair confirms that the election committee could not must, but could have a special meeting that the board members could attend to have a discussion, but it wouldn't be an official meeting of the elections committee, because the Elections Committee is not solely the property of the board and so yes, we could have had a special meeting of the board members to hear thoughts. But it wasn't mandatory. It wasn't a must. The General Manager goes on to say that yes there was a time crunch and third it was not an official meeting of the elections committee that was held, the board has no authority to stop an election that is in the bylaws. The General Manager goes on to state that anything less in regards to the elections, the board is intentionally violating its own rules and regulations and the Elections Committee will stand by the position, the board is in violation and other actions will then supersede the board in stopping a bylaw requirement.

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- Construction and Engineering Representative clarifies the intent wasn't to stop or change the election rules but simply having it align to once a year – therefore speaking against the motion
- The Director of Communications and Internal acknowledges the hard work the Director of Education and Equity and that the board of directors in the previous meeting did suggest to have a discussion and that discussion was not held. The Director of Communications and Internal also expresses that "when we elected to be specifically you [Director of Education and Equity] to the elections committee, everybody voted in favor of you, which means that we rely and we trust in you. And every time you're making decisions, you're making decisions for all of us, and we have the right to express our opinions on those decisions, and we very fairly listen" – speaking against the motion
- The Chair recommends to the board to avoid speaking directly to individuals
- Health Science Representative, including school of Nursing is speaking in against the motion and expresses her opinion regarding position constraints, budgets and timing
- The General Manager speaks on interpretation, budget, clarifies on the process and the members of the elections committee
- Preparatory and Liberal Studies Representative is in favour of the motion and expresses their thoughts and why the motion should be carried
- The Chair clarifies that the discussion should be at this time to discuss about the elections report and not the elections date as there are two motions
- The Operations Manager expresses her concerns and what she is hearing from the board and her experience regarding the last executive board members
- The Community Services and Early Childhood Representative seeks clarity on declaration of conflict and abstention
- The Health Science Representative, including school of Nursing continues to reiterate her point of board members not having enough time
- Director of Education and Equity request for a roll call vote for both sections of the agenda items
- Hospitality and Culinary Arts Representative inquiries about wanting to know how much budget is allocated for elections and the General Manager explains it is about 2% of the overall organization budget and has gone down 1.4-1.6% and has already been approved by the board in July – one of the smallest budgets which the board has already approved.

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Vote: Carries

Roll Call Vote Results

- Director of Communications & Internal, Nikita Yadav – **In Favor**
- Director of Operations, Ajani Miller – **Abstain, declaring conflict of interest**
- Director of Education & Equity, Jun An 'Toby' Lew - **In Favor**
- Director of Student Experience, Hanna Miller - **In Favor**

- Arts, Design & Information Technology Representative, Navinkumar Meena - **Regrets**
- Business Representative, Naomi Deena Mathew – **Abstain, declaring conflict of interest**
- Community Services & Early Childhood Representative, Bryndoven O'Krafka - **Abstain, declaring conflict of interest**
- Construction and Engineering Representative, Jeetu Patel - **In Favor**
- Health Science Representative, including school of Nursing, Muhaddesa Atlas - **In Favor**
- Hospitality and Culinary Arts Representative, Alitzel Martinez - **In Favor**
- Preparatory and Liberal Studies Representative, Rain Avery - **In Favor**

* the board members who have abstained and declared conflict have indicated their intention to run in the upcoming and or future elections

b. Election Dates (Appendix F)

Whereas the By-laws require a Fall and Spring Election to be held which shall conclude no later than the first Friday in December and first Friday in April; and

Whereas the Elections Committee has met and presented a fulsome report on the proposed dates and requested information on conflict-of-interest rules,

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors accepts the dates for the Fall 2025 & Spring 2026 Elections as presented in the report.

Moved by: Toby Lew, Director of Education & Equity

Seconded by: Rain Avery, Preparatory and Liberal Studies Representative

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Discussion: None

Vote: Fails

- The General Manager states "that due to the motion failing, the CRO we will notify the GBC President and then the CRO will put an emergency measure in place and call the election. It will be the same procedure as last year. So the election will be called. Those dates will be called to see our local product under the emergency measures, and the President will be notified"

Roll Call Vote Results

- Director of Communications & Internal, Nikita Yadav – **Abstain**
- Director of Operations, Ajani Miller – **Abstain, declaring conflict of interest**
- Director of Education & Equity, Jun An 'Toby' Lew - **In Favor**
- Director of Student Experience, Hanna Miller - **In Favor**
- Arts, Design & Information Technology Representative, Navinkumar Meena - **Regrets**
- Business Representative, Naomi Deena Mathew – **Abstain, declaring conflict of interest**
- Community Services & Early Childhood Representative, Bryndoven O'Krafka - **Abstain, declaring conflict of interest**
- Construction and Engineering Representative, Jeetu Patel - **Abstain**
- Health Science Representative, including school of Nursing, Muhaddesa Atlas - **In Favor**
- Hospitality and Culinary Arts Representative, Alitzel Martinez - **Abstain**
- Preparatory and Liberal Studies Representative, Rain Avery - **In Favor**

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8. **Audit 2024-2025, Audit Statements and Report**

Presentation by Doane Grant Thornton LLP

Be it resolved that the board accepts audit 2024-2025 statements and report as presented

Moved by: Muhaddesa Atlas, Health Science Representative, including school of Nursing

Seconded by: Jeetu Patel, Construction and Engineering Representative

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Discussion:

- Director of Operations recommends to the board to review page 3 to the appendix and see the highlights of the assets, liabilities and budget to term

Vote: Carries (Abstained – Director of Education & Equity, Hospitality and Culinary Arts Representative and Director of Communications and Internal)

9. GBC Fitness Centre – Appendix G

Whereas the College has provided an update regarding the GBC Fitness Centre;

Whereas the item is being retabled from the August Board of Directors; and

Be it resolved that the board accepts the briefing note as presented

Moved by: Nikita Yadav, Director of Communications and Internal

Seconded by: Bryndoven O'Krafka, Community Services and Early Childhood Representative

Discussion:

- Presentation by Daniel Fok, Ph.D reiterate the letter and the contents of the briefing note sent on July 21

Vote: Carries

10. Policies and Procedure Committee

a. Committee Report – Appendix H

Report Submitted by Nikita Yadav, Director of Communications and Internal

Whereas the Policy and Procedures Committee has met and provided a recommendation of bylaw changes to the board; therefore

Be it resolved that the Board accepts the report as presented.

Moved by: Nikita Yadav, Director of Communications and Internal

Seconded by: Ajani Miller, Director of Operations

Discussion:

Vote: Carries (Abstain, Hospitality and Culinary Arts Representative)

b. Recommended By-Law Policy Changes – Appendix I

Whereas the Policy and Procedures Committee has met and provided a recommendation of bylaw changes to the board; therefore

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Be it resolved that the bylaw changes are accepted as presented.

Moved by: Nikita Yadav, Director of Communications and Internal

Seconded by: Alitzel Martinez, Hospitality and Culinary Arts Representative

Discussion:

Vote: Fails

Roll Call Vote Results

- Director of Communications & Internal, Nikita Yadav – **Against**
- Director of Operations, Ajani Miller – **In Favour**
- Director of Education & Equity, Jun An 'Toby' Lew - **In Favor**
- Director of Student Experience, Hanna Miller - **Against**
- Arts, Design & Information Technology Representative, Navinkumar Meena - **Regrets**
- Business Representative, Naomi Deena Mathew – **Against**
- Community Services & Early Childhood Representative, Bryndoven O'Krafka - **Abstain**
- Construction and Engineering Representative, Jeetu Patel - **Against**
- Health Science Representative, including school of Nursing, Muhaddesa Atlas - **Against**
- Hospitality and Culinary Arts Representative, Alitzel Martinez - **Against**
- Preparatory and Liberal Studies Representative, Rain Avery - **Abstain**

* ORDERS OF THE DAY at 8:35PM *

11. GBC Foundation - Food Court Social Sponsorship – Appendix J

Whereas the George Brown College will mark this year as the 12th Annual Food Court Social in support of the Augmented Education Program.

Whereas based on the George Brown College Foundation sponsorship letter states the “Augmented Education Program empowers students with mental health and addiction histories through job-focused training in the culinary arts and construction fields. Committed to accessibility, this tuition-free program eliminates barriers, ensuring every student has the opportunity to thrive”.

Whereas the George Brown College Foundation is requesting the Board of Directors consider joining the Food Court Social 2025 as a donor this year.

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Be it resolved that the Board of Directors consider supporting the 12th Annual Food Court Social as a donor.

Be it further resolved that the Board of Directors consider the amount of \$_____.

Moved by: Nikita Yadav, Director of Communications and Internal

Seconded by:

Discussion:

Vote:

12. Executive Work Hours

Be it resolved that the following hours are approved by the Board for compensation for the Director of Communications and Internal:

- May 1st to May 7th (Pending hours: 04);
- May 8th to May 14th (Pending hours: 05);
- June 12th to June 18th (Pending hours: 11.65);
- August 7th to August 13th (Pending hours: 10.77);
- August 15th to August 20th (Pending hours: 02)
- August 21st to August 27th (Pending hours: 04.31),
- Total pending hours: 37.73.

Moved by: Nikita Yadav, Director of Communications and Internal

Seconded by:

Discussion:

Vote:

13. Exploration of an SAGBC Volunteer Team

Discussion led by Toby Lew, Director of Education and Equity

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors approves that the potential of a Volunteer Team be explored by the appropriate committees.

Moved by: Toby Lew, Director of Education & Equity

Seconded by:

Discussion:

Vote:

14. Our Campus, Our Choice! Campaign Materials and Ideas – Appendix K

Presentation by Toby Lew, Director of Education and Equity

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors acknowledge that they have received the presentation;

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Be it further resolved that the Board of Directors approves the suggested campaign materials to be disseminated.

Moved by: Toby Lew, Director of Education & Equity

Seconded by:

Discussion:

Vote:

15. Conference Reports

a. SUDS Report Back Glossary – Appendix L &M

Presentation by Nikita Yadav, Director of Communications and Internal

Whereas the Director of Communications and Internal and the Director of Operations were delegates at the SUDS 2025

Whereas the Director of Communications and Internal and the Director of Operations will transfer the knowledge from the conference to the rest of the board

Be it resolved that the Director of Education and Equity and Director of Communications and Internal select a date for the board training

Be it further resolved that the board accepts the SUDS report back glossary

Moved by: Nikita Yadav, Director of Communications and Internal

Seconded by:

Discussion:

Vote:

b. OGM Collective Report – Appendix N

Presentation by Toby Lew, Director of Education and Equity

Be it resolved that the board accepts the OGM Report as presented

Moved by: Toby Lew, Director of Education & Equity

Seconded by:

Discussion:

Vote:

16. Other Business

17. Adjournment

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

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Be it resolved that the Board Meeting is adjourned at _____.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Vote: