

BOARD OF GOVERNORS - REGULAR MEETING

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Wednesday, November 26, 2025
5:28 p.m. – 5:59 p.m.
via MS Teams

Present: Board of Governors

Erin Barnes, Chair
Bruce Choy, President & Vice-Chancellor
Dianne Doyle
Furquan Gehlen
Gabby Gill
Kim McGill
June Park
Lyndsay Passmore
Stephanie Smith
Amanda Smith-Weston

University G7 members

Laurie Clancy, Vice-President, Human Resources
Randall Heidt, Vice-President, External Relations
Diane Purvey, Provost
Asma Sayed, Vice-President, Equity & Inclusive Communities
Peter Smailes, Vice-President, Finance and Administration

Presenters and Administrative Resources

Sonia Banwait, Executive Assistant, Board of Governors
Shelly Kean, Manager, Information Access & Privacy
Carole Laplante, Associate Vice-President, Financial Services
Jennifer Duprey, General Counsel
Lori McElroy, Associate Vice-President, Planning and Accountability
Keri Spindler, University Secretary & Executive Assistant to the President & Vice Chancellor

Regrets: Anirudh Agnihotri
Kim (Kwuntiltunaat) Baird, Chancellor
Karanbir Boparai
Zena Mitchell, Vice-President,
Students

1. Presentation of Freedom of Information and Protection of Policy Act (FIPPA) of BC

Shelly Kean, Manager, Information Access & Privacy, gave a presentation on the Freedom of Information and Protection of Policy Act (FIPPA) and how it applies to University and to the Board of Governors.

2. Call to Order and Introductory Remarks

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:28pm.

The Chair acknowledged KPU's commitment to reconciliation and recognition that we live, work and study in a region that

overlaps with the unceded traditional and ancestral First Nations territories of the Musqueam, Katzie, Semiahmoo, Tsawwassen, Qayqayt, and Kwikwetlem, and with the lands of the Kwantlen First Nation, which gifted its name to this university.

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION #05-25/26

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED THAT the Board of Governors approve the regular meeting agenda for November 26, 2025.

4. Conflict of Interest

No other Conflict of Interest was declared.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

MOTION #06-25/26

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED the motion THAT Board of Governors approve the following item on the Consent Agenda as circulated:

5.1. Minutes of the October 1, 2025 Regular Board of Governors Meeting.

5.2. Approval of Policy and Procedure – RS1 Research Involving Humans

AND THAT the Board of Governors receive the following items for information:

5.3. Opportunity to Opt-in: Phase One Posting: Amendment of Policy & Procedure – SR10 International Travel & Security

6. Governance Committee Report

6.1. Committee Chair Report

Erin Barnes, Committee Chair, informed the committee met on November 12, 2025 and noted the items are on the agenda.

6.2. Revision of the Board Governance Manual

The Board noted the revisions to the Board Governance Manual which outlines duties and responsibilities of the Board, including recent changes to KPU's management and leadership structure, as well as minor clerical changes.

MOTION #07-25/26

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED the motion THAT Board of Governors approve the tracked changes in the Board Governance Manual, as recommended by the Board Governance Committee.

7. Human Resources Committee Report

7.1. Committee Chair Report

Stephanie Smith, Committee Chair, informed the committee met on November 13, 2025 and there is nothing to report.

8. Audit Committee Report

8.1. Committee Chair Report

Gabby Gill, Committee Chair, informed that the committee met on November 18, 2025 and there is nothing to report.

9. Finance Committee Report

9.1. Committee Chair Report

Gabby Gill, Committee Chair, informed that the committee met on November 18, 2025 and items are on the agenda.

9.2. Revision of GV4 Signing and Spending Authority Procedure

Carole Laplante, Associate Vice-President, Finance, shared Management is proposing that KPU's Board approval threshold be increased to \$2,000,000 from the current \$200,000, to align with peer institutions, and to enable more responsive operations. Laplante confirmed Management will continue to bring forward any precedent-setting or sensitive issues to the committee for recommendation, and to the Board for approval, regardless of the value.

MOTION #08-25/26

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED the motion THAT Board of Governors approve the revised GV4 Signing and Spending Authority and Schedule A, effective December 1, 2025, as recommended by the Board Finance Committee.

9.3. Revision of Bylaw. No. 4 Fees – Human Resources Management Post-Baccalaureate Diploma Tuition Reduction Assessment

Lori McElroy, Associate Vice-President, Planning & Accountability, noted that at the request of the Finance Committee last week, the Melville School of Business reviewed its Human Resources Management (HRMT) Post-Baccalaureate Diploma program to further reduce its tuition cost to be more competitive with comparable programs offered at other post-secondary institutions.

After review, the Faculty has proposed to lower the tuition rate from \$410.97/ per credit to \$219.79/per credit. In addition to

the request to reduce tuition fees, the curriculum has been revised to reduce the program from 42 to 33 credits – assisting in lowering the cost of program completion and delivery.

Alia Somji, Interim Dean, Melville School of Business, provided a comparative analysis amongst other institutions and provided factors that differentiate KPU from its competition. Somji shared that the lowering of tuition and credit requirement for course completion is anticipated to help make the program more competitive and draw more interest from domestic students.

Board members noted that the change in fee category is effective September 2026.

MOTION #09-25/26

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED the motion THAT Board of Governors approve the revisions to the Bylaw No. 4 Fees, as presented.

10. Review of Policy and Procedure – GV10 Mission, Vision and Values Development and Amendment

President Bruce Choy informed that VISION 2026, which serves as KPU’s Strategic Plan, is expiring next year. To begin developing a new plan, the process and consultations will need to begin early in 2026. Revision of KPU’s mission, vision and values require Board approval.

MOTION #10-25/26

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED the motion THAT Board of Governors approve Dr. Bruce Choy to review KPU’s Mission, Vision and Values, in accordance with KPU Policy GV10 – Mission, Values and Values Development and Amendment Policy.

11. President’s Report

11.1. Report to the Board

The President’s report was circulated in the agenda package and summarized in the meeting.

12. Provost’s Report

12.1. Report to the Board

Diane Purvey, Provost, provided a brief report highlighting academic accomplishments and events taking place around KPU campuses.

13. Senate Reports

Senate report from September 29, 2025 and October 27, 2025 were included in the meeting package.

14. Any Other Business

No other business was identified.

15. Closing Remarks & Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:59pm.

Next Meeting

The next meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 28, 2026 at KPU Tech/Cloverdale – Room 1853.

Board Chair