

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
OPEN BOARD MEETING  
Thursday, February 19, 2026  
2:30 – 4:05 pm  
President’s Boardroom / MS Teams**

**MINUTES**

**Board Members Present:**

Julie Lange – Chair	Mark Kirkpatrick, President and CEO and Board Secretary
Murray Angus	Jennifer Moore – Vice-Chair
George Brown – Vice-Chair	Melanie Paradis
David Clazie – Acting Chair	Lina Rinaldi
Jennifer Fry	Jaskaran Singh
Mario Girouard	April Smoke
Josh Hill	Julie Sullivan

**Board Members Absent:**

Stacey Hatch	Rick Phillips
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**Executive Team:**

Amanda Baskwill, Senior Vice-President, Academic and Chief Learning Officer  
Leah-Anne Brown, Vice-President, Human Resources  
Sandra Dupret, Senior Vice-President, Students  
Jennifer Tewathahá:kwa Maracle, Executive Director, Indigenous Initiatives and Applied Research  
John Pinsent, Senior Vice-President, Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer  
Deanne Saunders, Senior Vice-President, Strategic Planning and Institutional Effectiveness  
Marian Henson, Recording Secretary

**Guests:**

Matthew Ayres	Chad Munday
Hannah Brown	Chris Prud’Homme
Luke Hendry	Cassie Richardson
Wendy May	

**1 CALL TO ORDER  
CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM**

Chair Julie Lange called the meeting to order at 4:31 pm and quorum was confirmed.

**2 LAND AFFIRMATION**

Loyalist College is built upon the lands governed by the Dish with One Spoon wampum agreement.

We affirm and thank the Haudenosaunee, Anishnaabeg, and Huron-Wendat nations for their continued caretaking of the land. We offer respect to Indigenous people from all nations who call this area home. We honour elders and traditional knowledge keepers, past, present, and future.

**3 ADDITIONS / DELETIONS TO AGENDA**

None.

**4 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None – Governors were reminded to please let Julie know if they find themselves in a conflict of interest at any point during the meeting.

**5 APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**Resolution #1:**

It was motioned by Melanie Paradis

Seconded by Murray Angus

And carried, “THAT the Consent Agenda for February 19, 2026, be approved as presented and through this consent, approve the:

- a. Agenda of the Open Board Meeting – February 19, 2026.
- b. Minutes of the Open Board Meeting – January 8, 2026.
- c. President’s Report.

**6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

None.

**7 2026-2027 TUITION FEE SCHEDULE AMENDMENT**

John Pinsent, Senior Vice-President Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer, presented the amended and complete 2026-2027 Tuition Fee Schedule, which included three new programs identified as “high demand” as per the Ministry’s funding guidelines for programs of instruction: Acupuncture Advanced Diploma, Addiction and Mental Health Graduate Certificate, Energy Systems Engineering Technology - Nuclear Advanced Diploma, and Renewable Energy Systems Graduate Certificate. It also incorporated the 2% increase to domestic tuition rates effective September 2026 and is aligned with the revised provincial funding model and tuition policy framework.

**Resolution #2:**

It was moved by Lina Rinaldi

And seconded by George Brown

And carried, “THAT the Board of Governors approve the amended and complete 2026-2027 Tuition Fee Schedule effective September 1, 2026.”

8 **POLICY 2 – COLLEGE PRESIDENT PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REVIEW (DRAFT)**

Julie Lange, Chair, Board of Governors, presented an endorsement by the Executive and Governance Committee for approval of revisions to Board of Governors policy, A2 – College President Performance Management. Pending board approval, the policy will be renumbered as Policy 2 – College President Performance Management Review.

After discussion, it was agreed that the draft policy will be amended to remove the reference to the president being the college’s “chief education officer” (page 1 of 4, second paragraph, second line).

**Resolution #3**

It was moved by David Clazie,

Seconded by George Brown

And carried, “THAT the revisions to, and renumbering of, Board of Governors Policy A2 – College President Performance Management Review (now Policy 2) be approved, as recommended by the Executive and Governance Committee, as amended.”

9 **ENROLMENT UPDATE**

Deanne Saunders, Senior Vice-President, Strategic Planning and Institutional Effectiveness, will provide details and key observations regarding Loyalist’s Winter Term 2026 full-time student enrolment across the Belleville and Port Hope campuses, as of Day 10 (the tenth day of the new semester and the last day that students can withdraw from their program of study and still receive a fee refund).

Key insights in this update included that domestic enrolment has remained stable and shows modest growth, Day 10 enrolment confirms a materially smaller Winter 2026 cohort, and the enrolment decline is almost entirely driven by a reduction in international students.

10 **ACADEMIC UPDATE – NEW PROGRAMMING RECOMMENDATIONS**

Dr. Amanda Baskwill, Senior Vice-President, Academic and Chief Learning Officer introduced Matthew Ayres, Dean of the School of Applied Sciences, Skills and Technology to present Cyber Security, and Dr. Baskwill presented Registered Nurse Critical Care Nursing, with a recommendation for approval

**Resolution #4:**

It was moved by Murray Angus,

Seconded by Melanie Paradis

And carried, “THAT the Board of Governors approve the delivery of Cyber Security, Ontario College Graduate Certificate, in Fall 2027.”

**Resolution #5:**

It was moved by April Smoke

Seconded by Julie Sullivan

And carried, “THAT the Board of Governors approve the delivery of Registered Nurse Critical Care Nursing, Ontario College Graduate Certificate, in Winter 2027.”

**11 CREATIVE EXPERIENCES AND CONTINUOUS AND PROFESSIONAL LEARNING**

Dr. Amanda Baskwill, Senior Vice-President, Academic and Chief Learning Officer and Sandra Dupret, Senior Vice-President, Students, introduced Chad Munday, Dean, School of Interdisciplinary Studies and Wendy May, Experience Design Lead, who provided an overview of the Creative Experiences and Continuous and Professional Learning portfolios and how these initiatives advance Loyalist College’s Strategic Plan.

**12 INDIGENOUS RESEARCH CIRCLE**

Dr. Jennifer Tewatahá:kwa Maracle, Executive Director, Indigenous Initiatives and Applied Research will introduce the Indigenous Research Circle and outline its alignment with Loyalist College’s Strategic Plan.

**13 EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN**

John Pinsent, Senior Vice-President, Corporate Services and Chief Executive Officer, introduced Chris Prud’Homme, Senior Director, Facilities Management, who outlined the college’s integrated emergency response framework designed to ensure preparedness for a range of potential incidents, including health emergencies, extreme weather events, security threats, infrastructure failures, and other unforeseen disruptions.

**14 PRESIDENT’S UPDATE**

President Kirkpatrick reported on the following:

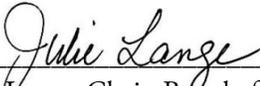
- He is attending the final convocation ceremony for our Toronto-based students which will mark the official end of the Loyalist College in Toronto campus.
- Workforce restructuring continues with our full-time faculty and our full-time support staff unions. Clear communications have been shared with all staff to ensure employees receive clear and timely information and the college is committed to handling all restructuring with care and minimal disruption wherever possible.
- The provincial government announced multi-year funding for post-secondary institutions on Feb. 12. Efficiencies must continue to be found and Loyalist College remains committed to the decisions, actions, and targets set for our financial recovery plan.
- Mark expressed his sincere appreciation to the Minister and to our board, provincial and municipal leaders, chambers of commerce, local industry partners, public sector healthcare colleagues and the people of this region who took the time to publicly support the college by amplifying the message and highlighting the need for additional funding.
- The college set a new record for student financial support by distributing \$1.1 million in donor-supported bursaries and scholarships for the 2025-2026 academic year.

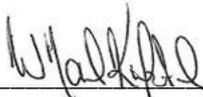
**15 OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

16 **ADJOURNMENT**

Governor Melanie Paradis motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:10 pm.

  
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Julie Lange, Chair, Board of Governors

  
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Mark Kirkpatrick, President and CEO, and  
Board Secretary