

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS
OPEN BOARD MEETING
Thursday, March 19, 2026
3:30 – 5:30 pm
President’s Boardroom / MS Teams**

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Jennifer Moore – Acting Chair	Mark Kirkpatrick, President and CEO and Board Secretary
Murray Angus	Melanie Paradis
George Brown – Vice-Chair	Rick Phillips
David Clazie	Jaskaran Singh
Mario Girouard	April Smoke
Stacey Hatch	Julie Sullivan

Board Members Absent:

Jennifer Fry	Julie Lange – Chair
Josh Hill	Lina Rinaldi

Executive Team:

Amanda Baskwill, Senior Vice-President, Academic and Chief Learning Officer
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:

Barb Allen	Craig Jackman
Jessica Becking	Kurstin Salisbury

- CALL TO ORDER CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM** J. Moore
Acting Chair, Jennifer Moore called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm and confirmed quorum.
- LAND AFFIRMATION** J. Moore
Delivered by Acting Chair, Jennifer Moore:
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

Governor Murray Angus inquired about the section references in the Draft Appendix 3 of the By-Law. The document was extracted from the By-Laws for this meeting, and as a result, the links are broken. These will be properly aligned in the finalized version, once approved.

Resolution #1:

It was moved by Murray Angus,
Seconded by Rick Phillips

And carried, THAT the Board of Governors approve the revised Appendix 3 of the By-Law, effective September 1, 2026, as recommended by the Executive and Governance Committee.

8  **ACADEMIC UPDATE AND PROGRAM RECOMMENDATION** A. Baskwill Approval

Dr. Amanda Baskwill, Senior Vice-President Academic and Chief Learning Officer, presented the proposed *Accommodation and Human Rights Management – Disability Specialist* Ontario College Graduate Certificate, which responds to increasing demand for professionals who can support accessibility, disability accommodation, and inclusive practices across workplaces and public institutions. It is a two-semester graduate certificate that would be delivered online through a combination of synchronous and asynchronous learning. The program prepares graduates to support individuals with disabilities and promote inclusive practices across workplaces, educational institutions, health care settings, and community organizations. Graduates will be prepared to help organizations meet accessibility and human rights obligations while contributing to more inclusive communities.

Resolution #2:

It was moved by David Clazie,
Seconded by George Brown

And carried, THAT the Board of Governors approve the delivery of Accommodation and Human Rights Management – Disability Specialist, Ontario College Graduate Certificate, starting Fall 2027.

9  **FY27 BUDGET PROCESS UPDATE**

John Pinsent, Senior Vice-President Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer, provided this update. The previous fiscal year's centrally driven budget reductions were necessary to address immediate financial pressures. The upcoming fiscal year will implement a more deliberate and planned austerity framework designed to achieve recovery plan targets while strengthening financial governance and sustainability.

Motion:

It was moved by George Brown,
Seconded by Rick Phillips

And Carried ,THAT the Board of Governors receive the FY27 Budget Planning Update for information.

10  **FY26 INFRASTRUCTURE PRESENTATION** J. Pinsent Information

John Pinsent provided an update on the infrastructure work done at the Belleville campus during the fiscal year 2026.

Motion:

It was moved by Murray Angus,

Seconded by David Clazie

And carried, THAT the Board of Governors receive the FY26 Infrastructure presentation for information.

11  **FY27 CAPITAL PLAN**

John Pinsent advised that the College's capital priorities for the next year (Fiscal Year 2027) will focus on the strategic use of provincial funding to support academic infrastructure and equipment renewal. In addition to the Facilities Renewal Program-supported infrastructure work, the College will receive smaller provincial funding allocations dedicated to academic equipment renewal (CERF) and apprenticeship grants (ACG). These funds will be used to replace and upgrade program-related equipment to maintain instructional quality and align with industry standards.

Resolution #3:

It was moved by Stacey Hatch,

Seconded by Mario Girouard

And carried, THAT the Board of Governors approve the FY27 Capital Plan, as presented.

12  **TSI TITWEYAHÁ:KWA MARACLE INDIGENOUS CENTRE YEAR-END UPDATE**

Dr. Jennifer Tewathahá:kwa Maracle, Executive Director, Indigenous Initiatives and Applied Research, provided this update. The Centre plays a central role in supporting Indigenous learners, strengthening institutional knowledge, and building meaningful relationships with Indigenous communities. The Centre provides culturally grounded, student-focused supports designed to foster belonging, well-being, and academic success. Guided by the Indigenous Education Protocol, the Centre works collaboratively with departments across the college to strengthen the integration of Indigenous perspectives within policies, curriculum, and professional development. Work in the Centre develops meaningful and ongoing communication with Indigenous communities to ensure that the college's programming and outreach initiatives remain responsive to community priorities. Through these initiatives, the Centre continues to strengthen trust and transparency between Loyalist College and Indigenous communities across the region. The Centre is working on mapping community engagement and outreach to ensure greater consistency and coordination with other Loyalist College departments.

Motion:

It was moved by David Clazie,

Seconded by George Brown

And carried, THAT the Board of Governors receive the year-end update on the Indigenous Resource Centre for information.

13  **APPLIED RESEARCH UPDATE**

Dr. Jennifer Tewathahá:kwa Maracle, Executive Director, Indigenous Initiatives and Applied Research introduced Barb Allen, Senior Manager, Centre for Natural Products, Dr. Jessica Becking, Manager,

Research Administration, and Kurstin Salisbury, Senior Manager, Centre For Health Communities who provided an update on Applied Research. Applied Research and Innovation Office (ARIO) supports applied research at Loyalist College, strengthening connections with the four counties and five First Nations in our catchment area and beyond. ARIO forms the administrative framework that supports applied learning opportunities for employees and students, research and grant administration, partnership development, contracts, risk, and oversight of research ethics, advancing the work of our research centres: Centre for Natural Products, Centre for Healthy Communities, and Tsi Thatihenthos Indigenous Research Circle.

Motion:

It was moved by Melanie Paradis

Seconded by David Clazie

And carried, THAT the Board of Governors receive the Applied Research Update for information

14 **PRESIDENT’S UPDATE**

The President noted that the fiscal year 2027 planning cycle has begun, with significant improvements to the budget process that shift the College toward more sustainable, forward-looking financial management. A capital plan overview outlined how limited Ministry-allocated funds will be used to strengthen existing programs through targeted equipment and space investments.

Reports from Infrastructure and the Indigenous Resource Centre highlighted meaningful progress over the past year. Additional updates on key initiatives and planning documents will be brought to the Board in April and June.

The college is awaiting our final financial allocations from the Ministry related to the February funding announcement. As we finalize our budgets, we may need to make informed assumptions, with any material changes to be brought back to the Board.

The President acknowledged the challenges faced this year and the impact on employees, while affirming that the college is making measurable progress toward long-term sustainability for our community and our employees.

Motion:

It was moved by Murray Angus,

Seconded by Stacey Hatch

And carried, THAT the Board of Governors receive the President’s Update for information.

15 **OTHER BUSINESS**

J. Moore

None

16 **ADJOURNMENT**

J. Moore

Jennifer Moore adjourned the meeting at 5:07 p.m.