May 28, 2026
1:00 p.m.
MRU, EC 2010

PRESENT:

Chris Lee – Chair-Public Member
Rob Schaefer – Vice-Chair -Public Member
Tracey Bodnarchuk – Public Member
Cyndi Cave – Non-Academic Staff Member
Christian Cook – Academic Staff Member
Laura Daniels - Public Member
Denise Hughes – Public Member
Brenden Hunter – Public Member
Liv Lopez – Student Member
Steve McLeod – Public Member
Dexter Nelson – Public Member
Dustin Paisley – Alumni Member
Stefan Radeta – Alumni Member
Dr. Tim Rahilly – President and Vice-Chancellor
Kari Roberts - Academic Staff Member, GFC
Arlene Strom - Chancellor
Reynold Tetzlaff – Public Member

RESOURCES:

Kathy Homer, Assistant University Secretary-Board, Recording Secretary
Michael Lam, Vice-President, Finance and Administration
Chad London, Provost and Vice President, Academic
Amy Nixon, General Counsel and University Secretary
Melanie Rogers, Vice-President, University Advancement
Phil Warsaba, Vice-President, Students

REGRETS: Noel Ormita – Student Member

GUEST: Colette Winter, Associate Vice-President, Facilities Management for item # 6

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Chris Lee, Chair of the Board of Governors, called the Open Session to order at 1:00 p.m., confirmed quorum, and C. London introduced MRU's new land acknowledgement video.

1.1. Conflict of Interest Declaration

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

ACTION ITEMS

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved and seconded:

THAT the agenda be approved with an amendment to switch the order of items #4 and #5, addressing the Consolidated Audited Financial Statements first, followed by the Year-End Appropriations and Reserve Funds.

CARRIED.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1. Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on March 26, 2026

Moved and seconded:

THAT the minutes of the Open Session of the Board of Governors' meeting held March 26, 2026, be approved as distributed.

CARRIED.

3.2. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the past set of minutes.

4. CONSOLIDATED AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO MARCH 31, 2026

The Consolidated Audited Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2026 were provided for approval, as recommended by the Audit and Risk Committee. L. Daniels reported that the Audit and Risk Committee reviewed and recommended the financial statements, that the Office of the Auditor General and MNP acknowledged that MRU presented a clean report.

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the Mount Royal University consolidated audited financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2026.

CARRIED.

5. 2025-2026 YEAR END APPROPRIATIONS AND RESERVE FUNDS

Information on the proposed appropriation from the operational surplus to internally restricted funds for institutional strategic priorities was presented for approval. R. Schaefer, Chair of the Finance and Property Committee, provided background details and summarized the discussions from the Finance and Property Committee meeting noting that the Finance and Property Committee supports this recommendation to the Board. He reported that the purpose of the reserve funds is to fund strategic priorities, deferred maintenance and capital priorities; not to fund operational priorities.

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the appropriation of $18.56M from the 2025-2026 year-end operating surplus to internally restricted funds to support investments in university strategic priorities.

CARRIED.

6. CAMPUS LONG RANGE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

C. Winter entered the meeting.

The Campus Long Range Development Plan was presented to the Board for discussion and feedback. M. Lam shared that the Plan is a long-term visioning document that is not to be operational or prescriptive and will come back to the Board in Fall 2026 for approval.

C. Winter provided background information on the work done and the stakeholder engagements that occurred. She noted the nine principles that guide the plan and some of the key highlights such as land use, pedestrian movement, buildings and a wetland area.

REPORTS

7. REPORTS

7.1. Board Chair

Board Chair C. Lee provided a written report detailing his recent activities, highlighting his attendance at the Canadian University Governance Association conference hosted by the University of Waterloo. He noted that the conference brought together Board Chairs and Secretariats from across Canada to discuss university governance, with an emphasis placed on AI-related topics.

7.2. Chancellor

A. Strom, Chancellor, provided a written report, highlighting her ongoing work in areas aligned with her expertise and passion, where she continues to serve as an ambassador for the institution. Additionally, she expressed her appreciation to the Community Engagement Working Group (CEWG) for their thorough participation, valuable insights, and feedback.

7.3. President and Vice-Chancellor

T. Rahilly provided a written report and expressed thanks to the Board members, the Executive Leadership Team, and community members in the gallery. He noted the upcoming Convocation and encouraged board members to attend.

7.4. General Faculties Council

A summary of the General Faculties Council (GFC) meetings was included in the meeting package. T. Rahilly reported that the GFC had an excellent year and, in response to a question regarding generative AI, noted that GFC discussions have occurred on the AI framework.

COMMITTEE MATTERS

8. AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

8.1. Committee Report

A written report from the May 28, 2026 Audit and Risk Committee meeting was provided for information, and key highlights were summarized by Committee Chair L. Daniels.

9. FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

9.1. Committee Report

A report outlining the items considered by the Committee at the May 28, 2026 meeting was included for information.

10. GOVERNANCE AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE

10.1. Committee Report

A written report summarizing the discussions from the May 11, 2026 meeting was provided.

CONSENT AGENDA

11. ITEMS REMOVED FOR DISCUSSION

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the Consent Agenda items for the May 28, 2026, Open Session.

CARRIED.

12. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

12.1. Appointment of Board Vice-Chair

THAT the Board of Governors approve the reappointment of Rob Schaefer as Board Vice-Chair for the term July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

12.2. Appointment of Committee Chairs 2026-2027

THAT the Board of Governors approve the Board standing committee chair appointments for a one-year term, commencing July 1, 2026 until June 30, 2027:

- *Laura Daniels, Chair, Audit and Risk Committee*
- *Rob Schaefer, Chair, Finance and Property Committee*
- *Chris Lee, Chair, Governance and Nominating Committee*
- *Denise Hughes, Chair, Human Resources Committee*

12.3. Policy Approvals

12.3.1. Student Accommodations Policy

THAT the Board of Governors approve the Student Accommodations Policy and Procedures;

AND

THAT the Board of Governors approve the rescindment of the existing Academic Accommodations for Students Experiencing Disabilities Policy and all related documents.

12.3.2. Information Governance Policy

THAT the Board of Governors approve the Information Governance policy.

THAT the Board of Governors rescind the Records and Information Management Program policy and its related procedures.

12.3.3. Policy on University Policies and Procedures

THAT the Board of Governors approve the major revisions to the Policy on University Policies and Procedures and delegate future approval authority of the policies listed in Appendix A to the Executive Leadership Team.

12.3.4. Human Rights Policy

THAT the Board of Governors approve the major revisions to the Human Rights Policy.

13. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

The following items were received for information:

- **13.1. Fourth Quarter Financial Statements to March 31, 2026**
- **13.2. MRU Foundation Audited Financial Statements to March 31, 2026**
- **13.3. Mount Royal Early Learning Centre Audited Financial Statements to March 31, 2026**
- **13.4. Students' Association of Mount Royal University**
  - 13.4.1. Annual Report for 2024 – 2025 (including Audited Financial Statements to June 30, 2025)
  - 13.4.2. Student Centre Liaison Committee Report for 2024 – 2025
- **13.5. 2025-2026 Philanthropic Naming Report**
- **13.6. Call for Honorary Degree Nominations**
- **13.7. Investment Management Agreement Results**

OTHER BUSINESS

14. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business identified for the consideration of the Board.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The Board of Governors Open Session adjourned at 1:45 p.m. by consensus.