

October 23, 2025

1:00 p.m.

MRU, EC 2010

PRESENT:

Chris Lee – Chair-Public Member	Dexter Nelson – Public Member
Rob Schaefer – Vice-Chair -Public Member	Dustin Paisley – Alumni Member
Tala Abu Hayyaneh – Student Member	Stefan Radeta – Alumni Member
Cyndi Cave – Non-Academic Staff Member	Tim Rahilly – President and Vice-Chancellor
Christian Cook – Academic Staff Member	Kari Roberts – Academic Staff Member
Laura Daniels - Public Member	Arlene Strom - Chancellor
Denise Hughes – Public Member	Anita Surujbally – Student Member
Brenden Hunter – Public Member	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:

Sherri Evers – Public Member	Sheba Singh – Public Member
Thomas O’Leary – Public Member	

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 T. Rahilly commenced with a land acknowledgement.

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 strike consent agenda item 13.2.

CARRIED.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1. Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on May 29, 2025

Moved and seconded:

THAT the minutes of the Open Session of the Board of Governors' meeting held May 29, 2025, be approved as distributed.

CARRIED.

3.2. Business Arising from the Minutes

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

4. MRU MANDATE STATEMENT

Mount Royal University's mandate statement was provided for approval. During the discussion, it was noted that the government requested an update as they have streamlined the mandate.

It was noted that the wording in the previous mandate stated that the institution "may collaborate with others in the system," was revised to "must collaborate with others in the system."

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the Mount Royal University Mandate Statement.

CARRIED.

5. MRU INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT UPDATE

The Board received an update on the Ministry of Advanced Education's draft 2025–2028 Investment Management Agreements. Institutional feedback has been provided, and discussions with the Ministry are ongoing. Final agreements are expected in the coming weeks.

6. MRU ANNUAL REPORT: 2024-2025

The Board received the Mount Royal University Annual Report 2024–2025 for information. The report was recommended by the Audit and Risk Committee and approved by the Governance and Nominating Committee to meet Government deadlines.

At the Finance and Property Committee meeting, an editorial error was identified in the public-facing version of the document that will be corrected. It was confirmed that the version that was sent to the Ministry was correct.

7. FAIRNESS AND SAFETY IN SPORT POLICY

7.1. GFC Motion

7.2. Feedback

The Board received the Fairness and Safety in Sport Policy and Procedure for discussion and advice. The Board also received, for information, a motion passed by the General Faculties Council (GFC) expressing concern regarding *Alberta's Fairness and Safety in Sport Act* (Bill 29) and the mandated MRU policy developed to comply with the legislation. The GFC motion cited concerns related to discrimination against trans girls and women, risks to athlete privacy and safety, and potential implications for institutional autonomy. The Board further received community feedback on the new policy.

It was reported that Mount Royal University is in compliance with the provincial law and it was confirmed there was collaboration across the province with other post-secondary institutions.

Questions regarding the consultation process, birth registration versus birth certificates and compliance were answered.

REPORTS

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8.1. Board Chair

C. Lee, Board Chair, provided a written report that included an overview of the activities he has undertaken as Chair. He highlighted the ceremony at the new aviation hangar, his attendance at the Mintz Panel discussion, and wanted to clarify he met with the Minister's Chief of Staff as the Minister was unable to attend.

8.2. Chancellor

A. Strom provided a written report that included an overview of the activities she has undertaken as Chancellor. She highlighted that chancellors across the province are open to collaboration, a point that aligns with the updated mandate statement. She also reported receiving positive feedback about MRU while engaging with the community.

8.3. President and Vice-Chancellor

T. Rahilly provided a written report.

8.4. General Faculties Council

A summary of the General Faculties Council (GFC) meeting from September 19, 2025, was included for information. T. Rahilly thanked the Board Chair for his attendance at the meeting and expressed that he respected the dialogue that took place regarding the Fairness and Safety in Sport Legislation and the University's policy to comply.

COMMITTEE MATTERS

9. AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

9.1. Committee Report

A written report outlining the items considered by the Committee at the October 23, 2025 meeting was included for information, and areas of the report discussed at that meeting were summarized by L. Daniels, Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee.

10. FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

10.1. Committee Report

A report outlining the items considered by the Committee at the October 23, 2025 meeting was included for information, and areas of the report discussed at that meeting were summarized by R. Schaefer, Chair of the Finance and Property Committee. He noted that the Finance Committee and the Campus Development Committee were merged to become the new Finance and Property Committee.

11. GOVERNANCE AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE

11.1. Committee Report

C. Lee, Chair of the Governance and Nominating Committee, provided a written report summarizing the discussions from the September 15, 2025 GNC meeting and highlighted the Ongoing Learning Session. He also shared that R. Schaefer, Vice-Chair of the Board, was reappointed by the Ministry for another three-year term.

CONSENT AGENDA

12. 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 October 23, 2025, Open Session.

CARRIED.

13. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

13.1. Banking Resolution

THAT the Board of Governors approve the authorized banking authorities for MRU effective October 23, 2025.

14. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

The following items were received for information:

14.1. Financial Reports: First Quarter to June 30, 2025

14.2. Board Annual Work Plan 2025-2026

OTHER BUSINESS

15. NEW BUSINESS

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

16. ADJOURNMENT

The Board of Governors meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. by consensus.