



Minutes, October 5, 2021

Regular meeting of the Governing Board
held on October 5, 2021, at 5:15 pm
at CEGEP Champlain – St. Lawrence room 242 and by videoconference

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held at CEGEP Champlain – Lawrence room 242 on October 5, 2021

Sitting members present

E. Berryman,	Director of the Constituent College and Director of Studies
L. Birch,	Faculty Representative
M. Brassard,	Government Appointee, Socio-economic sector
D. Fava,	Parent Representative
Q. Johnson,	Professional Representative
A. Kimball,	Government Appointee, University sector
S. Laroche,	Student Representative
M. Langlois,	Student Representative
J. McCalla,	Faculty Representative
J. Ouellet,	Support Staff Representative
W. Thomson,	Government Appointee, School boards sector
J-L. Trahan,	Parent Representative
H. Walling,	Government Appointee, Enterprise sector

Sitting members regrets

G. Caissy,	Government Appointee, Regional labour market
D. Galarneau,	Government Appointee, Socio-economic sector
Y. Santoire,	Government Appointee, Socio-economic sector

Persons other than Governors in attendance

O. Coté,	Director General
T. Mills,	Support Staff

Quorum attained with 13 of 16 sitting members present.



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Agenda

1. Welcome and introduction
2. Approval of the agenda
3. Approval of the Sept 7, 2021, minutes
4. Business arising
 - 4.1. Board Evaluation
5. 2016-2021 Accomplishments and 2021-2022 objectives (DG presentation)
6. Question period
7. New business
 - 7.1. Resolution: Change to the 2021-2022 Academic Calendar
 - 7.2. Resolution: Creation of Ad Hoc Committee to Support DCC
 - 7.3. Resolution: Membership committee
 - 7.4. Update on Strategic Planning process, (review new updated document, Action plan for 2021)
 - 7.5. Update on Bill 96
 - 7.6. Update on fees situation
8. Varia
9. Adjournment

1. Welcome and introduction

Everybody was welcomed. Quorum was confirmed.

2. Approval of the agenda

It was moved to adopt the agenda as modified.

H. Walling added an agenda item

- 8. a. Special Meeting

There was no call for the vote.

MOVED BY J-L. Trahan
SECONDED BY A. Kimball

MOTION CARRIED

3. Approval of the Sept 7, 2021, minutes

J. McCalla moved to adopt the minutes as modified.

J. McCalla noted some spelling and grammar corrections.

There was no call for the vote.

MOVED BY J. McCalla
SECONDED BY Q. Johnson

MOTION CARRIED

4. Business arising

4. 1. Board Evaluation

H. Walling brought up the Ministry's revision of the Business Program and asked that it be added to the November meeting agenda.

5. 2016-2021 Accomplishments and 2021-2022 objectives (DG presentation)

O. Côté began her presentation, titled Retrospective 2016-2021, which included a summary of the restructuring of the College.

Her presentation finished at about 6:00 pm after which there was some comments and questions.

6. Question period

There were no questions from the public.

7. New business

7. 1. Resolution: Change to the 2021-2022 Academic Calendar

L. Birch moved that the resolution be adopted as presented.

E. Berryman spoke to the resolution. He explained that in this modified calendar the winter term reading break is moved to March 7 to 11 in order to be in line with other

institutions. He has consulted with the Commission of Studies which has recommended this changed version.

There was no call for the vote.

MOVED BY L. Birch
SECONDED BY M. Brassard
MOTION CARRIED

The resolution was adopted.

7. 2. Resolution: Creation of Ad Hoc Committee to Support DCC

H. Walling spoke to the resolution which aims to officialise the Bill 96 informal working group as a formal ad hoc committee.

E. Berryman shared a legal opinion stating that the Governing Board does not have the authority to create ad hoc committees.

There was some discussion about the motion and whether the Governing Board has the authority to create ad hoc committees.

J. McCalla moved that the resolutions "Creation of Ad Hoc Committee to Support DCC" and "Membership committee" be laid on the table and that the Governing Board return to them at the next meeting. In the meantime, members of the Governing Board should do some research.

L. Birch proposed a friendly amendment asking, if another legal opinion is obtained, that the lawyer consider whether Bylaw 1, Article 3.14 "Board Procedures"—which states "In the absence of rules of procedure previously adopted by the Board for any given question, Robert's Rules of Order applies to Board meetings"—would allow for the St. Lawrence Governing Board to create ad hoc or sub committees. She asked that this specific question be considered when interpreting the law and the bylaws. Furthermore, she asked, if a legal opinion were obtained on this question, that it be provided to all St. Lawrence Governing Board members before the next meeting.

J. McCalla accepted the friendly amendment.

E. Berryman asked for the motion to be read aloud.

T. Mills read the motion aloud.

There was no call for the vote.

MOVED BY J. McCalla
SECONDED BY A. Kimball
MOTION CARRIED

7. 3. Resolution: Membership committee

This item was set aside for a future meeting.

7. 4. Update on Strategic Planning process, (review new updated document, Action plan for 2021)

E. Berryman provided an update on the Strategic Planning process. The plan is to begin after the October reading break. Further information will be shared afterwards.

The Governing Board was informed by E. Berryman that a consultant had been hired and that the Governing Board would receive further updates up on the consultant's recommendations.

In the context of the discussion about the Strategic Planning Process, there was a discussion about specific content within the SWOT analysis document and whether it reflected the consultations that had taken place.

There was further discussion about the process more broadly.

After some further discussion, H. Walling proposed that the consultant be permitted to guide the process. The goal is that everybody is comfortable with the wording of the SWOT analysis.

7. 5. Update on Bill 96

E. Berryman reported that the Parliamentary Committee was held today. The English colleges presented a brief. Regarding the St. Lawrence brief, it is ready to go and should be sent before the end of the week.

7. 6. Update on fees situation

H. Walling spoke to the fees situation and asked E. Berryman for an update

E. Berryman provided some updates. He informed the Governing Board that students are well informed about student fees. They have until the course drop deadline to opt-out of optional fees.

There was some discussion about opt-opt and opt-in approaches. Legal liability was discussed.

M. Brassard expressed concern about possible ethical and legal risks.

E. Berryman made assurances that our current practices are lawful.

There was also a discussion about information shared by members W. Thomson and J-L. Trahan who shared information about past practices at Quebec High School and St. Patrick's. Both had previously had a default opt-in policy with regards to optional donations. A class action lawsuit settled the matter requiring the schools to change their practice. Governing Board members expressed interest and requested additional information.

8. Varia

8. a. Special meeting

October 12 is the preferred date for the planned special meeting. E. Berryman explained that the recommendations from the Relais Expert-Conseil report will be presented.

9. Adjournment

It was moved that the meeting be adjourned.

MOVED BY J. McCalla

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.