



Minutes, November 11, 2021

Special meeting of the Governing Board
held on November 11, 2021, at 5:00 pm
by videoconference

Minutes

MINUTES of a special meeting of the CEGEP Champlain – St. Lawrence Governing Board
held by videoconference on November 11, 2021

Sitting members present

L. Birch,	Faculty Representative
M. Brassard,	Government Appointee, Socio-economic sector
G. Caissy,	Government Appointee, Regional labour market
D. Fava,	Parent Representative
Q. Johnson,	Professional Representative
A. Kimball,	Government Appointee, University sector
M. Langlois,	Student Representative
S. Laroche,	Student Representative
J. McCalla,	Faculty Representative
J. Ouellet,	Support Staff Representative
J-L. Trahan,	Parent Representative
H. Walling,	Government Appointee, Enterprise sector

Sitting members regrets

E. Berryman,	Director of the Constituent College and Director of Studies
W. Thomson,	Government Appointee, School boards sector

Absent

D. Galarneau,	Government Appointee, Socio-economic sector
Y. Santoire,	Government Appointee, Socio-economic sector

Quorum attained with 12 of 16 sitting members present.



Special meeting of the Governing Board
November 11, 2021, at 5:00 pm
by videoconference

Agenda

1. Opening remarks and confirmation of the quorum
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Information
 - a. Discussion of Governance
4. Adjournment

1. Opening remarks and confirmation of the quorum

Quorum was confirmed.

2. Adoption of the agenda

It was adopted.

3. Information

3. a. Discussion of Governance

The purpose of the meeting was to provide information on events from May to November of 2021 relating to the governance issue. A discussion ensued about whether this meeting should occur. It became clear that the meeting was in order, and that no motions would be passed. We then moved on to consider the information.

A PowerPoint presentation was shared to outline the sequence of events relating to a complaint that had been made by one governing Board member against another member concerning civility.

A lawyer, Me. Sebastian Proulx, has been engaged to assist this member in dealing with the issues that have arisen. Me Proulx has written to the Secretary General, the Chair of the Regional Board and to D. Galarneau, Chair of the Regional Ethics and Governance committee, questioning the complaint process and the role of the Chair of the Ethics and Governance Committee in this process since he was also present at the SLC Governing Board meeting.

The letter from D. Galarneau and Y. Santoire sent to the Minister of superior education indicating that they were resigning from our Governing Board was discussed. The October 4th letter from Catherine Lafleur accepting the resignation, which is effective when they decide, was also presented.

In the meantime, apparently the Secretary General of Champlain does not accept that these two individuals have resigned. This will be discussed at our next meeting.

The report of the Experts/Conseil regarding governance was discussed. Some members see this as personal attack on our local board. Only a few members of our Board were contacted by this Expert/Conseil. There is currently no Regional Board resolution concerning the action plan they intend to present. This will also be discussed at our next GB meeting.

In the discussion, one point became very clear: the members believe that it is important that we get back to doing the job that we volunteered to do. We need to move beyond any personal attacks and get back to the business of looking after our students, staff, and community. We also find that there are too many e-mails and not enough direct communication in meetings. Important issues deserve a hearing at a Governing Board meeting.

We agree that it is time to focus on the Strat Plan and the Success Plan, and the student fees issue which we understand is the basis of the Expert Conseils mandate. Replacement of members is also a priority. A timeline with a list of when the By-laws that have not yet

Special meeting of the CEGEP Champlain – St. Lawrence Governing Board
November 11, 2021

been revised in function of our new structure is necessary to complete the process of installing the new college structure.

The next regular meeting of the Board is Tuesday, November 16, 2021.

Respectfully submitted by
Joanne McCalla

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.