

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
2024-2025**

April 8, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. Room E199

MEMBERS PRESENT: Donald Shewan Robert Soroka
Denise Albert Justine Bell
Vince Amato Henriette Dumont
Stefan Iordan Hiba Belgada
Caroline Comeau Frishta Hussainyar

REGRETS: Richard Fontaine, Geneviève Bourgoing, Michael Newton,
Miriam Morissette

ALSO PRESENT: Nicole Haché, Alex Borja, Dean Howie, Matt Refghi

The Governing Board meeting is being held in person. The meeting was called to order by the chairperson at 6:15 p.m.

1) Approval of Agenda

The following agenda was proposed.

1. Approval of agenda
2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of November 18, 2024
3. Business arising from the minutes of November 18, 2024
4. Public question period
5. Revised Academic Calendar Winter 2025
Resolution No.: LAM-2024-006
6. Academic Calendar 2025-2026
Resolution No.: LAM-2024-007
7. Information Item: Renewal of entente for sports fields with the City of Saint-Lambert
8. Varia
9. Renewal Mandate of Director of Constituent College Saint-Lambert (In-camera)
10. Adjournment

It was **MOVED** by Vince Amato and **SECONDED** by Caroline Comeau that the agenda be approved as amended to include the item *Hydro Expropriation* under Varia. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2) Approval of the minutes of the meeting of November 18, 2024.

It was **MOVED** by Stefan Iordan and **SECONDED** by Vince Amato to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Governing Board of November 18, 2024. **There were 2 abstentions. MOTION CARRIED.**

3) Business arising from the minutes of November 18, 2024.

Don Shewan reported that the first session of the Governance Training provided by the firm MNP took place in person on January 30th followed by an online second session held in February.

4) Public Question Period.

There were no questions from the public.

5) Revised Academic Calendar Winter 2025

Resolution No.: LAM-2024-006

Don Shewan invited Alex Borja, Dean of Academic Organization to speak to this item. Alex explained that the Registrar's Office, in particular Genevieve Bourassa worked diligently with the faculty to avoid any scheduling conflicts for students for the last two days of the revised final exam period.

WHEREAS the closure of the College due to inclement weather on February 13 and February 17, 2025, has resulted in a loss of 2 days in the academic calendar; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Higher Education requires that each College have a calendar of 82 days; and

WHEREAS the Commission of Studies has been consulted and has endorsed the revised Winter academic calendar which conforms to Ministry requirements;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Governing Board of Champlain College Saint-Lambert approves the revised Academic Calendar as presented for the Winter 2025 semester.

There was no call for the vote.

MOVED BY: Justine Bell

SECONDED BY: Henriette Dumont

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6) Academic Calendar 2025-2026

Resolution No.: LAM-2024-007

Alex Borja spoke to this item.

WHEREAS the College's academic calendar must be accompanied by a resolution of the Governing Board before it is officially published and forwarded to the Ministry; and

WHEREAS all appropriate consultation has been done in the development of the calendar; and

WHEREAS Champlain College Saint-Lambert's calendar conforms with the requirements set in the Règlement sur le Régime des Études Collégiales (RREC);

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Governing Board of Champlain College Saint-Lambert approves the attached 2025-2026 academic calendar for Champlain College Saint-Lambert.

There was no call for the vote.

MOVED BY: Vince Amato

SECONDED BY: Donald Shewan

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7) Information Item: Renewal of the entente for sports fields with the City of Saint-Lambert:

Dean Howie, Director of Student Services, spoke to this item. Dean explained that the Board of Governors had approved a partnership between the City of Saint-Lambert, Collège Durocher and Champlain Regional College Saint-Lambert in 2011 for the construction and joint use of synthetic fields. The current fields are now at the end of their useful life. The parties involved in the original contract need this infrastructure to carry out their respective mission, therefore, the City of Saint-Lambert is proposing to renew the agreement for a period of 15 years. The city of Saint-Lambert estimates the reconstruction of the fields at approximately \$4.5 million in addition to the annual maintenance costs up to a maximum of \$15,000 to be covered 1/3 by each partner. The city will not move forward with the project until they receive a resolution from the Board of Governors of Champlain Regional College of their April 11th, 2025 meeting.

8) Varia

Don Shewan informed members that the College has now formally received legal notice of the expropriation of the portion of our land from Hydro Quebec. The College's lawyers have appealed against the notice as the College is not willing to accept the monetary offer and therefore, the process for an architectural firm will be initiated. The MES authorized the College to keep the amount that will be received but it must be used for infrastructure projects only. The amount will therefore be used for the reduction of the space deficit at Saint-Lambert.

9) Renewal Mandate of Director of Constituent College Saint-Lambert (In-camera)

At 6:50 p.m. it was moved to continue the meeting in camera. The chairperson declared the in-camera completed at 8:18 p.m. and invited all non-voting members and ex-officio back in. Mr. Soroka announced that the Governing Board unanimously recommended the renewal of the Director of Constituent College Saint-Lambert, Mr. Donald Shewan.

10) Adjournment

It was **MOVED** by Vince Amato and **SECONDED** by Caroline Comeau that the meeting be adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Robert Soroka
Chairperson

Patrizia Polifroni
Recording Secretary