

# MEETING AGENDA

## BCIT BOARD OF GOVERNORS – OPEN

Tuesday May 27, 2025, 1:00 to 1:50 p.m.

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**Board:**

Mike Bonshor, Chair  
Don Matthew, Vice Chair  
Corry Anderson-Fennell  
Leah Ballantyne  
Catherine Boivie  
Bobby Davidson  
Noor Esmail  
Tamara Pongracz  
Carla Reid  
Stepan Vdovine  
Claire Wang  
Jimmy Wang

**In Attendance:**

Raimonda De Zen, Dir. Enterprise Risk & Internal Audit  
Jennifer Figner, Provost & VP, Academic  
Cynthia Petrie, VP, External  
Navida Suleman, CFO and VP, Administration  
Barbara Kader, EA, Governance

**Regrets:**

Bob Enns, Board Member

**Ex Officio:**

Jeffrey Zabudsky, President  
Eric Fry, Education Council Chair

	Item		Presenter
1.	<b>Call to Order and Introductory Remarks</b> <i>BCIT acknowledges that its campuses are located on unceded Indigenous land belonging to the Coast Salish Peoples, including the territories of the xʷməθkwəy̓əm (Musqueam), Səlilwətaʔ/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) and Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nations</i>	1:00	Chair
2.	<b>Declaration of Conflict of Interest</b>	1:02	Chair
3.	<b>Approval of Agenda/Consent Agenda</b> <i>(subject to request for discussion)</i> 3.1 Adopt Agenda 3.2 Minutes April 1, 2025 3.3 Institute Report 3.4 Education Council Report 3.5 Governance Committee Report 3.6 Student Representative's Report  <b>MOTION:</b> THAT the Board of Governors approve the Agenda/Consent Agenda for the Open Board of Governors meeting held on May 27, 2025.	1:05	Chair
4.	<b>Board Chair's Comments</b> 4.1 Governor Appointments	1:10	Chair
5.	<b>President's Comments</b> 5.1 President's Activities	1:20	J. Zabudsky

	Item		Presenter
6.	<b>Finance</b> 6.1 Juniper Mist Wireless Network Budget  <b>MOTION:</b> <i>THAT the Board of Governors approve a budget of \$5M, fully funded by the Ministry of Post Secondary and Future Skills, for the implementation of the Juniper Mist Wireless Network, and delegation of signing authority for the project up to \$5M to the President and CFO.</i>	1:30	D. Matthew / N. Suleman
7.	<b>Policy</b> 7.1 Employment & Educational Equity – Policy #7511  <b>MOTION:</b> <i>THAT the Board of Governors approve Employment &amp; Educational Equity – Policy #7511.</i>	1:35	C. Anderson-Fenell / C. Hudson
8.	<b>Academic</b> 8.1 Program Cancellations: Associate Certificate in Advanced Java Development; Associate Certificate in Advanced .NET Development  <b>MOTION:</b> <i>THAT the Board of Governors approve the program cancellation for the Associate Certificate in Advanced Java Development AND Associate Certificate in Advanced .NET Development programs.</i>	1:45	E. Fry
9.	<b>Next Meeting and Conclusion</b> June 23, 2025	1:50	-

# MEETING MINUTES

## BCIT BOARD OF GOVERNORS - OPEN

Tuesday May 27, 2025, 1:03 to 1:31 p.m. (*virtual meeting*)

### Board:

Mike Bonshor, Chair  
Don Matthew, Vice Chair  
Corry Anderson-Fennell  
Catherine Boivie  
Bobby Davidson  
Noor Esmail  
Tamara Pongracz  
Carla Reid  
Stepan Vdovine  
Claire Wang

### Ex Officio:

Jeffrey Zabudsky, President  
Eric Fry, Education Council Chair

### In Attendance:

Raimonda De Zen, Dir. Enterprise Risk & Internal Audit (*virtual*)  
Jennifer Figner, Provost & VP, Academic  
Chris Hudson, VP, People, Culture & Inclusion  
Cynthia Petrie, VP, External  
Navida Suleman, CFO & VP, Administration  
Barbara Kader, EA, Governance

### Regrets:

Leah Ballantyne, Board Member  
Bob Enns, Board Member  
Jimmy Wang, Board Member

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A quorum was present.

### 1.0 Call to Order and Introductory Remarks

The Chair acknowledged that BCIT campuses are located on unceded Indigenous land belonging to the Coast Salish Peoples, including the territories of the xʷməθkwəy̓əm (Musqueam), Səlíl̓wətaʔ/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) and Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nations.

### 2.0 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

*Distributed material: Information Note*

No declarations were received.

### 3.0 Approval of Agenda/Consent Agenda

All reports were received.

**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED THAT** the Board of Governors approve the Agenda/Consent Agenda for the Open Board of Governors meeting held on May 27, 2025.

**3.1 Adopt Agenda**

*Distributed material: Agenda*

**3.2 Minutes April 1, 2025**

*Distributed material: Meeting Minutes*

**3.3 Institute Report**

*Distributed material: Information Note*

**3.4 Education Council Report**

*Distributed material: Information Note*

The EdCo Chair's successor will be announced in early June 2025.

**3.5 Governance Committee Report**

*Distributed material: Information Note*

**3.6 Student Representative's Report**

*Distributed material: Information Note*

**4.0 Board Chair's Comments**

The Board Chair acknowledged key points from the Institute Report: donations, the student action plan, tall timber student housing project opening in the summer, the increase of Indigenous students for fall 2025, and the President's presentation at the Greater Vancouver Board of Trade event on May 1, 2025 (*Partnering for Progress: BCIT's Role in B.C.'s Economic Future*).

**4.1 Governor Appointments**

*Distributed material: Information Note*

Received.

**5.0 President's Report**

He reported on challenges involving the process for the Trades and Technology Complex project relating to the model required to follow regarding the CBA (Community Benefits Agreement) and the involvement of (BCIB) BC Infrastructure Benefits. Various ministries (Post-Secondary and Future Skills; Infrastructure) are supporting and assisting BCIT for the project. Discussions with government, BCIB and The Haebler Group (general contractor) have been positive. Tender has begun for construction work on the new student administration building in the complex for which responses have been received. Tendering for the new complex plazas will be issued in early June 2025.

The President reported that he had contributed to the [Vancouver Sun's published article: B.C.'s prosperity depends on a strong post-secondary system](#). The objective of the Op Ed is to inform/support the narrative that Post-Secondary and Future Skills will be taking to Cabinet and to update Cabinet on the state of finances in the sector. It is also intended to support advocacy efforts to educate new members of parliament, ministers, and staffers in Ottawa.

## 5.1 President's Activities

*Distributed material: Information Note*

The President highlighted key items in his report. He acknowledged invitations to local politicians who attended student events on campus and a successful Indigenous Youth Gathering event where high school students had the opportunity to realize what BCIT offers.

## 6.0 Finance

### 6.1 Juniper Mist Wireless Network Budget

*Distributed material: Decision Note*

Received and approved. The procurement process was reported. The project is scalable to meet current and future needs. No other concerns were mentioned.

**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED THAT** the Board of Governors approve a budget of \$5M, fully funded by the Ministry of Post Secondary and Future Skills, for the implementation of the Juniper Mist Wireless Network, and delegation of signing authority for the project up to \$5M to the President and CFO.

## 7.0 Policy

### 7.1 Employment & Educational Equity – Policy #7511:

*Distributed material: Decision Note*

A summary of the policy was provided. The policy was not previously approved by the Board, this is the first iteration of the policy brought presented for approval.

**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED THAT** the Board of Governors approve the revised Employment and Educational Equity - Policy #7511.

## 8.0 Academic

The Board Chair acknowledged and thanked Mr. Fry for his role on the Board and as the Education Council Chair for the last three years.

### 8.1 Program Cancellations:

*Distributed material: Decision Note*

Received and approved.

**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED THAT** the Board of Governors approve for the program cancellations for: Associate Certificate in Advanced Java Development AND Associate Certificate in Advanced .NET Development programs.

## 9.0 Next Meeting and Conclusion

The next Board of Governors meeting will be held on June 23, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. The open meeting concluded at 1:31 p.m.

Signed

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Mike Bonshor, Chair