

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday, November 25, 2025

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Staff Lounge, Castlegar Campus / Teams

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Amed Naqvi, Chair	Thompson Hickey, Vice Chair
Christy Anderson	Ken Wyllie
Debbie Bird	Mary Austin
Satinder Kaur	Kim Pham
Bronwyn Krause	Diksha Salwan
Maggie Matear, President	

REGRETS:

Darcy Falkenhagen, EdCo Chair Roly Russell
Gurwinder Singh

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Lareena Rilkoff, VP College Services
Andrea Hall, Executive Director Finance / CFO
James Heth, Registrar
Brier Albano, AVP Student Success
Tiffany Snauwaert, Dean
Donna Drover, Director Facilities & Business Services

OBSERVERS ATTENDING:

Pablo Pastor, SCFA
Andrew Jupp, PPWC

TOPIC

1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- Provided by Thompson Hickey to open the meeting.

2. ADDITIONS TO THE OPEN SESSION AGENDA OF NOVEMBER 25, 2025

- Moved item 9, 2025-2026 Draft Board Goals to the Closed Session Agenda.

3. ADOPTION OF THE OPEN SESSION AGENDA OF NOVEMBER 25, 2025

Motion: "To adopt the open session agenda of November 25, 2025 as amended."

Carried

4. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA OF NOVEMBER 25, 2025

- Draft Open Session Minutes of October 28, 2025
- Enrolment Dashboard – November 2025
- EdCo Chair Report – November 2025
- Draft Finance & Audit Committee Minutes Oct. 23, 2025
- Finance & Audit Committee ToR (edits have been highlighted)
- Draft Governance Committee Minutes of Nov. 13, 2025
- Fall Head Count and FTE Report
- 2025-2026 President's Goals & Objectives
- February 24, 2026, 3 – 3:50 PM, pre-meeting open house: *Cookies & Coffee with the Board*, Staff Lounge, Castlegar Campus. Staff and Students Welcome.

The Enrolment Dashboard for November was pulled for discussion.

Motion: "To adopt the consent agenda of November 25, 2025 as amended."

Carried

5. ENROLMENT DASHBOARD (from the consent agenda)

- This item showed statistics outside the norm because we are changing the way we report on this, and this is an “interim” report that is bridging two different time periods. Domestic student and international student application and registration numbers captured in the dashboard were explained by the AVP Student Success. As noted on the dashboard, winter 2026 registration began in June (as opposed to November in prior years), accelerating FTEs early in the fiscal year for both domestic and international students. Year over year numbers will stabilize in December.
- Discussion ensued.

6. PRESENTATION

- Education Council
- The Registrar provided overall information on the Education Council (EdCo) and more specific information on its composition, standing committees, workflow and advice to the college Board.
- Board members can access the presentation slides [here](#).
- Q&A ensued.

7. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

- The President referenced the circulated report and provided additional updates:
 - The college is working with, and providing information to, community groups that have expressed interest in moving forward with KSA programming, and the President’s Office has not received any negative feedback from the community to date.
 - On Nov. 17, the province announced that funding for trades training will double over the next three years, with planned annual increases of approximately \$54 million, \$80 million, and \$107 million, directed to administration, union training programs, and public post-secondary institutions; Selkirk aims to secure a significant increase in funding to cover current seat costs and support additional programming.
 - In meetings with students, concerns were raised regarding limited transit service and restricted service hours on campus (including cafeteria and library hours).
 - The province announced that an independent post-secondary review will take place between December 2025 and March 2026. This review will encompass structure, governance and financial sustainability models.

8. QUARTERLY FORECAST REPORT

- The Executive Director Finance/CFO reviewed the second quarter forecast report (reported as of September 30, 2025), explaining the variances.

9. 2026-2027 BUDGET PLANNING UPDATE

- The Executive Director Finance/CFO provided a verbal update:
 - A projected deficit of \$3.5 million is forecast for fiscal year 2027, and the Executive Leadership Team meets regularly to consider mitigation strategies.
 - The full cost savings from deficit mitigation decisions made to date will not be reflected in the financial statements until fiscal years 2027 and 2028.

10. 2025-2026 BOARD GOALS

- Moved to the closed session agenda for discussion.

11. BOARD CHAIR’S REPORT

- The Chair and Vice Chair will be attending the next provincial meeting with their counterparts in December.

12. MEMBERS’ REPORT

- A member enjoyed attending the Peace Fair (Peace 100 class).

13. STUDENTS' REPORT

- Not provided

14. CLOSED SESSION

Motion: "To move into the closed session."