

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Governors, 21 September 2023

This meeting was scheduled for 3:00-4:30 pm. It was a hybrid meeting, In-person was held at the NSCAD Port Campus, 1107 Marginal Rd., P209) and the On-line component was via Microsoft Teams. These Minutes were prepared by Theresa Larkin, Interim Governance Administrator.

In Attendance: Maggie Marwah (outgoing Board Chair); William Barker (Vice Chair and incoming Board Chair); Peggy Shannon (President); Marco Chiarot, Cheryl Hann, Jim Horwich, Dave van de Wetering, Kathryn Toope, Sunil Sarwal, Bruce Sparks, Gary Edwards, Anthony Novac, John Keating, Sarah McInnes, Sylvia Parris-

2b. People's Acknowledgement

Sylvia Parris-Drummond read into the record the People's Acknowledgement.

"As people of African descent, we offer this People's acknowledgement recognition in solidarity with the Indigenous people of Turtle Island in the efforts and deliberate intentions toward decolonization. African Nova Scotians have existed and persisted on the traditional land of the Mi'kmaq for more than 400 hundred years. We acknowledge and express deep gratitude. Our significant presence and contributions on this land have contributed to the existence of Nova Scotia. Our labour and skills, used without their explicit consent and without reciprocity, have shaped the structural stability and, was instrumental in the creation of the intergenerational wealth of today's Nova Scotia. We are resilient, brave, spiritual, and proud of our Ancestors on whose shoulders we stand. They are the founders of the more than 50 historical African Nova Scotian communities across Nova Scotia. This acknowledgement brings with it a call to action to reconcile the harms acted upon African Nova Scotians, a distinct People and the Mi'kmaw People"

S. Parris-Drummond explained there are two versions of the People's Acknowledgement. One is for an individual who identifies as African Nova Scotian. A second version may comfortably read by any representative of NSCAD.

3. Declaration of any Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

4. Acceptance of Agenda

An update to the agenda: W. Barker asked to add an item after item 17, a thanks to the outgoing Board Chair.

Motion: To approve the September 21, 2023, Board of Governors meeting agenda as amended. *Moved by Jim Horwich.* [**BOG 2023-75**]

Motion: To approve the September 15, 2023, Board of Governors meeting agenda as amended. *Moved by J. Horwich.* Motion carried. [**BOG 2023-76**] (The agenda attached to the actual meeting were adjusted during the meeting and this new agenda reflects the changes.)

5. Welcome and Introductions

M. Marwah, Board Chair

Welcome to incoming NSCAD Board Members: Kelly Denty as a proposed Governor at Large; Sunil Sarwal returning as a proposed Governor at Large. Also, a welcome to staff

paired down to four. Two other meetings will be utilized for

