



Board of Governors
Open Session Minutes

Jun 1, 2026
By Zoom Videoconference

ATTENDEES

Members: Brad Ferguson (Chair), Nizar Somji (Vice-Chair), Zarina Bhambhani, Ross Bricker, Darren Durstling, Bill Flanagan, Ange Kadima, Kevin Kane, Amaan Khan, Sett Policicchio, Miles Safranovich, Rob Seidel, Joseph Sesek, Diane Wheatley, Jason Wong, Lillian Zenari

Internal Resources: Todd Gilchrist, John Lemieux, Elan MacDonald, Verna Yiu

Presenters: Darrell Dancause, Chief Financial Officer and Associate Vice-President (Finance, Procurement and Planning)

University Governance Staff: Kate Peters, Ayzel Calder

REGRETS: Ryan Hastman, Saad Iqbal, Janice MacKinnon, Ishaan Sachdeva, Venkata Vemana, Dilini Vethanayagam, Christine Westerlund, Paul Whittaker

The Chair called the meeting to order and the secretary confirmed that attendance constituted a quorum.

In Camera Session

Presenter(s): Brad Ferguson

In light of the agenda, the Chair recommended *in camera* was not needed and the Board proceeded to the next item.

Conflict of Interest: Opportunity for Declaration

Presenter(s): Brad Ferguson

The Chair noted that the Board of Governors Bylaws and Code of Conduct require that members declare at each meeting whether they may have a conflict related to the agenda and, if necessary, absent themselves from the discussion and voting on that item. They invited members to declare conflicts of interest related to the open session meeting agenda, and, seeing none, declared the question asked and answered.

Open Session Agenda of Jun 1, 2026

Presenter(s): Brad Ferguson

The motion was moved and seconded.

THAT the Board of Governors approve the open session agenda, as presented.	CARRIED ✓
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Opening Remarks

Presenter(s): Brad Ferguson

The Chair delivered a land acknowledgement. The Chair recognized Governors whose terms are coming to an end in June 2026 and welcomed the incoming student Governors.

Report of the Audit and Risk Committee

Presenter(s): Lillian Zenari

L Zenari noted a clean audit was presented from the auditor general, with no edits required, and delivered on schedule and on time.

Management's Annual Audited Financial Statements

Presenter(s): Todd Gilchrist, Darrell Dancause

T Gilchrist provided an overview of the materials provided to the Board and spoke to highlights from the materials.

D Dancause reminded the Board that the presentation of the statements is determined by the province and cannot be dictated by the university.

The Chair provided congratulations to the team and the work done to provide a clean audit.

L Zenari acknowledged the success of financial management done by the university in light of a challenging fiscal environment.

The motion was moved and seconded.

THAT The Governors of The University of Alberta (the "Board"), on the recommendation of the Board Audit and Risk Committee, approve the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2026, in the form as disseminated to the Board.
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CARRIED ✓

Adjournment of Open Session

The Chair expressed appreciation for Elan MacDonald ahead of her departure from the Vice-President (External Relations) position. Governors gave thanks to Elan MacDonald for the guidance she provided over her tenure and success of the External Relations portfolio under her leadership.

Governors raised questions about the communications sent to the Board regarding university neutrality and asked for clarification regarding academic freedom, acknowledging affiliation with the university, and freedom of speech.

The Chair concluded the open session.