



PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 29, 2026

Location: B3330 and Zoom

Attendance:

External Governors:

Don Gillespie, Board Chair; Chair, Executive	Doris Stamml, Vice-Chair; Chair, Governance	Karen Jensen, Chair, Finance and Audit
Cory Bryan	Fred Clifford	Sudha Datta
Kerri Davies	Tim Kennaley	Graeme McKay, Chair, IT Sub-Committee
Lucy Bonanno	Liz Buller	

President:

Theresa Knott, Interim President

Internal Governors:

Laura Coles, Support Staff	Marc Patenaude, Administrative Staff (<i>regrets</i>)	Jennifer Vanier, Student (<i>regrets</i>)
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Senior Administration:

Susanna Beckstead, Chief Financial Officer	Joanne Spicer, AVP, Student Experience	Paul Marchant, VP, IT & Digital Strategy
Nick Stone, AVP, Health	Mary Lou Mclean, Exec Director, Applied Research & Innovation	Julie Ferrari, Chief of Staff
Prachi Jindal, Acting Corporate Secretary		

1. Call to Order, Welcome to the Traditional Territory and Confirmation of Quorum

Chair D. Gillespie called the meeting to order at 9:00 am and acknowledged that the meeting was hosted on the traditional lands of the Mississauga Anishinaabe peoples.

Quorum was confirmed and all in attendance were welcomed.

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No conflicts were declared.

3. Approval of Meeting Agenda

MOTION: That the Board of Governors approve the agenda as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Approval of the Consent Agenda

MOTION: That the Board of Governors approve the April 29, 2026, consent agenda and through this the:

1. Minutes of March 18, 2026, Public Board of Governors Meeting
2. Interim authority to spend against unapproved 2026-27 budget
3. Student Housing Policy
4. 2026-27 Ancillary Fees

CARRIED

5. Powerline Technician

N. Stone, AVP, Health presented the proposal to develop a four-semester Ontario College Diploma program in Powerline Technician for potential launch in Fall 2027.

The proposal is backed by labour market evidence and employer input highlighting workforce

shortages, an aging workforce, and the need for local, hands-on training. It builds on existing electrical and trades programs while expanding into utility-focused training to support regional infrastructure, economic growth, and workforce renewal, with clear pathways from programs like Electrical Techniques.

Current faculty can deliver several courses, and admission criteria will support smooth progression into apprenticeships and careers in the utility and skilled trades sectors.

MOTION: That the Board of Governors approve the proposed Powerline Technician Ontario College Diploma to move forward to the next stage of development, including detailed academic planning, business case and financial validation, and resource review, for potential launch in Fall 2027.

CARRIED

6. Board Chair's Report

D. Gillespie, Board Chair, noted appreciation for the Board and management in advancing the proposed integration with St. Lawrence College. The initiative was recognized as a forward-looking approach that supports long-term sustainability and strengthens the College's ability to serve students and communities.

7. Interim President's Report

T. Knott, Interim President, submitted a written report in advance, which was included in the meeting materials.

MOTION: That the Board of Governors receive the Interim President's Report for information.

CARRIED

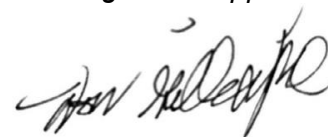
8. Other Business

There was no other discussion.

9. Close

The meeting was declared closed at 9:19am.

Signed as approved:



Don Gillespie, Board Chair
Fleming College Board of Governors