

ATTENDANCE

Board Members		Senior Team & Staff Resources	
Mahin Rashid (Chair, Board)		David Wells	VP, Academic & Applied Research
Jeffrey Yu (Vice Chair/Chair, FAC)		Ian Humphreys	VP, Admin & International Development
Carol Ye		Kate Dickerson	VP, People Services
Chi Lo		Jane Shin	VP, Students & Community Development
Christie Sparklingeyes (Regrets)		Elmer Wansink	AVP, It & CIO
Colin Zuo (Regrets)		Clayton Munro	AVP, Student & Enrolment Services
Francesco Barillaro		Tannis Morgan	AVP, Academic Innovation
Malou Morales		Jamie Choi	ED, Finance & CFO
Michele Guerin (Regrets)		Surinder Aulakh	ED Safety, Security & Risk Management
Dr. Paul Yeung		Charnelle McClure	ED, Marketing & Communications
Simon Cheng		Moira Gookstetter	ED, VCC Foundation
Dr. Steve Cardwell		Jessie Williams	Dean, Indigenous Initiatives
Synthia Kloot (Chair, HRC)		Amanda Wiseman	EC, President's Office
Tanmay Chugh		Lucia Zabrieszach	EC, VPA's Office
Ex-Officio		Guests	
Ajay Patel	President & CEO	Frank Cosco	President, VCCFA
Louise Dannhauer	Chair, Education Council/GC	James Stansfield	Director, SUVCC

We acknowledge that Vancouver Community College (VCC) is located on the traditional and unceded territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səliłwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh) peoples who have been stewards of this land from time immemorial.

1. CALL TO ORDER, LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & OPENING REMARKS

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

The Chair acknowledged that Vancouver Community College operates on the traditional and unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh peoples.

The Chair welcomed members and reflected on recent College events, including Convocation, student award ceremonies, and community celebrations. Appreciation was extended to Board members and employees for their continued engagement as the academic year concluded.

The President and CEO provided institutional updates, including progress on campus planning activities, the Centre for Clean Energy initiative, and ongoing provincial discussions arising from the post-secondary system review. The Board was advised that the review is proceeding through government processes and is expected to generate further sector discussion in the coming months.

The President highlighted several recent accomplishments and events, including:

- The 20th anniversary of the Tooth Trolley initiative, which continues to provide preventative dental care to elementary school children while creating practicum opportunities for VCC learners.

- The Outstanding Alumni Awards celebration.
- Strong student performance at the Skills Canada National Competition, where five VCC students earned national medals.
- The Three Sisters Garden Planting Ceremony.
- Spring Convocation, recognizing more than 1,500 graduates.

Special recognition was extended to the Registrar's Office, volunteers, and organizing committee members whose efforts contributed to a successful Convocation ceremony. Particular appreciation was expressed for the significant contributions of staff involved throughout the day.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: THAT the VCC Board of Governors approve the June 24, 2026 public meeting agenda, as amended, to include an addendum item circulated prior to the meeting, including items on the consent agenda.

2.1 Minutes: May 27, 2026 Public Meeting

2.2 EdCo Chair Report and 2025 Annual Report

2.3 Academic Year

2.4 Sexual Violence and Misconduct Annual Report

2.6 Board Correspondence & Activity

2.7 News and Events

Moved, Seconded & CARRIED (Unanimously)

3. ACTION TRACKER

There were no items on the Action Tracker.

4. INDIGENIZATION AT VCC

National Indigenous Peoples Day

J. Williams delivered a presentation recognizing National Indigenous Peoples Day and Indigenous History Month.

The presentation emphasized the importance of celebrating Indigenous brilliance, leadership, innovation, and contributions alongside the continued acknowledgment of historical and ongoing impacts of colonization. Board members were encouraged to recognize Indigenous peoples not only through narratives of resilience and survival but also through their achievements as educators, innovators, community builders, leaders, artists, and knowledge keepers.

Examples of Indigenous leadership and community impact across British Columbia and Canada were highlighted, along with the role of Indigenous organizations in advancing education, technology, governance, and community well-being.

Board members were invited to reflect upon Indigenous individuals who had influenced or inspired them and to continue sharing stories that recognize Indigenous contributions and excellence.

5. CONSTITUENCY REPORTS

5.1 CUPE Local 4627

No report was received.

5.2 Student Union of Vancouver Community College (SUVCC)

J. Stansfield reported on recent advocacy undertaken by the Student Union as part of the Province's budget consultation process.

The Student Union's recommendations focused on restoring public funding levels for post-secondary institutions and maintaining the provincial tuition cap. Concerns were raised regarding the impact of continued underfunding on program accessibility, affordability, and student success. Students expressed concern that increased tuition and fees may result in additional debt, delayed graduation, or withdrawal from studies.

A student-produced video was presented that highlighted the importance of maintaining educational opportunities and funding support for students attending VCC. The Board acknowledged and thanked the Student Union for its continued advocacy efforts.

5.3 Vancouver Community College Faculty Association (VCCFA)

F. Cosco provided an update on Faculty Association activities and advocacy initiatives.

The Faculty Association highlighted the contributions faculty make to the numerous achievements reported throughout the Board package. Concern was expressed regarding the ongoing impact of financial pressures on post-secondary education, including workforce reductions and program access. It was noted that VCC was entering a fifth round of faculty layoffs.

The Board was informed of advocacy efforts undertaken through the BC Centre for Policy Alternatives report on rebuilding post-secondary education as public infrastructure. Faculty representatives discussed presentations made to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services and encouraged Board members to share the report within their networks and with government contacts where appropriate.

6. PROGRAMS, TUITION & FEES

6.1 NEW: 2D & 3D Animation Diploma

The Board considered proposals for new 2D Animation and 3D Animation diploma programs intended primarily to support teach-out opportunities for students whose studies began at another institution. The programs were reviewed by Curriculum Committee and Education Council, with emphasis placed on ensuring continuity for learners and preserving alignment with the curriculum under which students were originally admitted.

MOTION: THAT, on the advice of Education Council, the Board of Governors approve the 2D Animation Diploma and 3D Animation Diploma credentials, creation of 28 courses as identified in the program content guides, and program implementation.
Moved, Seconded & CARRIED (Unanimously)

6.1.1 Tuition: 2D Animation Diploma

MOTION: THAT, on the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, the Board of Governors approve domestic tuition of \$26,915.19 (\$381.78 per credit) and international tuition of \$51,558.75 (\$731.33 per credit) for the new 2D Animation Diploma program, effective September 2026.
Moved, Seconded & CARRIED (Unanimously)

6.1.2 Tuition: 3D Animation Diploma

MOTION: THAT, on the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, the Board of Governors approve domestic tuition of \$27,106.08 (\$381.78 per credit) and international tuition of \$51,942.42 (\$731.33 per credit) for the new 3D Animation Diploma program, effective September 2026.

Moved, Seconded & CARRIED (Unanimously)

6.2 NEW: ASL English Interpretation Degree (addendum circulated prior to the meeting)

The Board considered approval of a new Bachelor of Applied ASL-English Interpretation credential. The degree builds on VCC's existing ASL and Deaf Studies certificate and Sign Language Interpretation diploma pathways and responds to feedback from employers and the Deaf community regarding the need for enhanced language fluency and interpretation skill development.

Discussion included the Degree Quality Assessment Board approval process and anticipated timelines, noting that implementation would likely require several years before final provincial approval is granted. The degree includes multiple entry and exit points and creates opportunities for both new learners and existing practitioners seeking degree completion.

MOTION: THAT, on the recommendation of the President, and on the advice of Education Council, the Board of Governors approves the Bachelor of Applied ASL-English Interpretation Degree Program.

Moved, Seconded & CARRIED (Unanimously)

6.3 Tuition: Medical Laboratory Assistant Certificate Program

MOTION: THAT, on the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, the Board of Governors approve the proposed international tuition of \$731.33/credit (\$28,887.53 total) effective January 2027, for the substantially revised Medical Laboratory Assistant program.

Moved, Seconded & CARRIED (Unanimously)

6.4 Tuition: Pharmacy Technician Diploma Program

MOTION: THAT, on the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, the Board of Governors approve the proposed international tuition of \$731.33/credit (\$44,976.78 total) effective January 2027, for the new Pharmacy Technician Diploma program.

Moved, Seconded & CARRIED (Unanimously)

7. FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE (FAC) REPORT

7.1 Chair's Report

J. Yu summarized discussions from the June 11 Finance and Audit Committee meeting. Key areas of focus included:

- Program continuity and student support;
- Procurement and contract management;
- Infrastructure stewardship and campus maintenance;
- Automation initiatives and process improvements through BCNet; and
- Flexibility and responsiveness in a rapidly changing operating environment.

The Committee emphasized the need to continue making timely decisions that protect core institutional assets while supporting students and maintaining operational effectiveness.

8. GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE (GC) REPORT

8.1 Chair's Report

L. Dannhauer reported that the Governance Committee approved minor revisions to the Board evaluation survey, with distribution planned before the end of July to capture feedback from both incoming and outgoing Board members.

8.2 Enrolment Plan Management (408) and Program Suspension/Discontinuance (414)

Discussion focused on governance oversight, consultation requirements, and development of supporting appendices for Policy 408.

Administration advised that the policy appendix remains under development and will be shared with the Board once finalized. Additional consultation will occur with operational units and student representatives before implementation in January 2027.

MOTION: THAT, on the recommendation of Governance Committee, with advice from Education Council the Board of Governors approve, in the form presented at this meeting, the Enrolment Plan Management (408) policy and procedures effective January 1, 2027; and the Suspension and/or Discontinuance of Programs (414) policy and procedures effective June 24, 2026.

Moved, Seconded & CARRIED (Unanimously)

8.3 Investment Policy (119)

The Board approved a minor revision clarifying diversification requirements relating to securities investments.

MOTION: THAT, on the recommendation of Governance Committee, the Board of Governors approve, in the form presented at this meeting, the Investment (119) policy and procedures.

Moved, Seconded & CARRIED (Unanimously)

8.4 Use of Library Resources (512)

The Board approved minor revisions strengthening privacy language and clarifying interlibrary loan procedures.

MOTION: THAT, on the recommendation of Governance Committee, with advice from Education Council the Board of Governors approve, in the form presented at this meeting, the Use of Library Resources (512) policy and procedures.

Moved, Seconded & CARRIED (Unanimously)

9. HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT

9.1 Chair's Report

S. Kloot reported on discussions relating to demographic data, workforce trends, absence rates, and governance compliance requirements.

The Committee reviewed indications of increased employee absences and possible burnout across the sector while acknowledging the significant organizational changes occurring across the institution.

10. VCC FOUNDATION UPDATE

M. Gookstetter reported that the Foundation has completed the second year of its campaign and remains on track toward campaign objectives.

Highlights included:

- A \$1.75 million gift supporting the Institute for Applied Climate Solutions;
- More than \$700,000 raised for healthcare initiatives;
- Two RBC campaign gifts totaling \$450,000;
- Record Giving Tuesday and Flourish fundraising results; and
- A staff and leadership giving participation rate exceeding 72%.

The Foundation is preparing for a public phase of the campaign and recruiting up to three new Foundation Board members with expertise in finance and investment management. Applications are sought by July 24, 2026.

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Board Elections

The Chair announced the results of Board elections conducted during the closed session.

Effective July 1, 2026:

Jeffrey Yu was elected Chair.

Synthia Kloot was elected Vice-Chair.

The Board formally recognized outgoing Chair Mahin Rashid for her leadership, commitment, and service to Vancouver Community College. Board members and institutional leadership acknowledged her contributions to governance, collaboration, student-centered decision making, and organizational advancement over her seven years of service. Gifts and a commemorative presentation were provided in recognition of her contributions.

12. NEXT MEETING & ADJOURNMENT

The next regular public board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 29, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.