

Education Council & Board of Governors

Info Session

September 2026



Governance at Vancouver Community College

- All public BC colleges are required by the College and Institute Act (1996) to have a Board of Governors and an Education Council.
- Both make important decisions at the College, but they have different roles and powers.
- Both have standing committees to support their work.

Why run for the Board or EdCo?



Be empowered to make changes to improve student life on campus



Gain valuable experience working in a team with people across the College



Learn how the College is run



Develop your leadership skills by representing faculty, students or staff at VCC



Engage with the VCC community—students, faculty, staff, and administrators

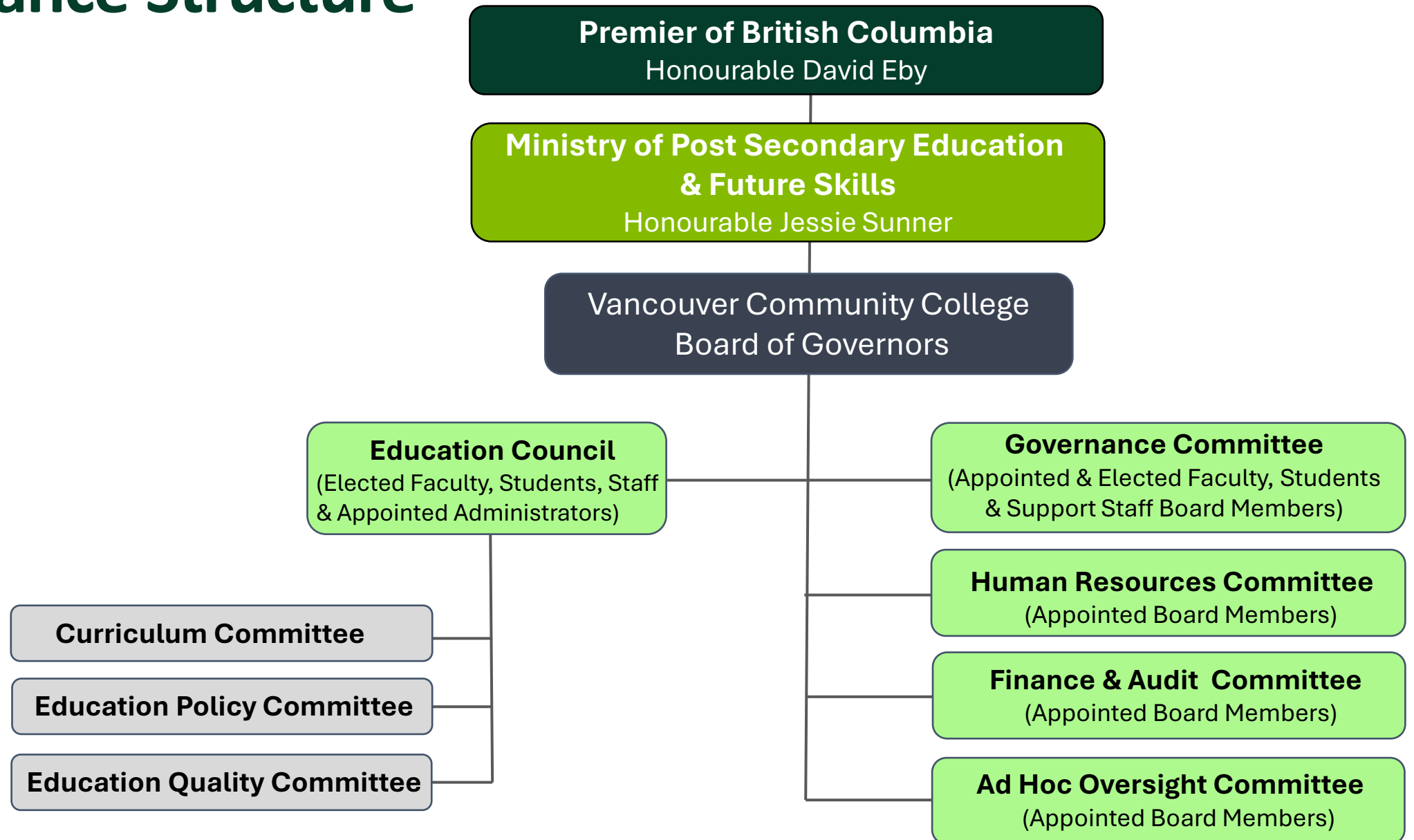


Shape the future of VCC for the best student experience

Elections

- Check your **eligibility** to run: Election Rules
- Candidates can run for **either** Education Council or the Board, **not both**.
- **3 separate nomination form** are required (from 3 different people). You cannot nominate yourself.
- Nomination forms are posted on myVCC (select the appropriate form).
- Submit forms to elections@vcc.ca. Biographic statements **cannot** include photos.
- Timeline:
 - Nominations:** Monday, September 21 to Friday, October 2 at 3:00 p.m.
 - Campaign Period:** Monday, October 5 to Friday, October 9
 - Voting (online):** Wednesday, October 14 to Tuesday, October 20
 - Results:** Announced by October 23, 2026

Governance Structure



Education Council Composition

Education Council has 21
voting members:

- 10 faculty members
- 4 students
- 5 educational administrators
- 2 support staff members



What does Education Council (EdCo) do?

Education Council has three kinds of powers, outlined in the College and Institute Act:

- Make decisions (sole authority)
- Advise the Board (advisory role)
- Approve matters jointly with the Board (joint approval)

EdCo deals with matters such as:

- Academic policies (evaluation of student performance, grading, academic appeals, etc.)
- Curriculum for programs and courses
- Course/program proposals or cancellation
- Affiliations with other institutions

Education Council (EdCo) Structure

Education Council

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Curriculum Committee

Education Quality Committee

Education Policy Committee

What is expected of EdCo Members

- **Regularly attend meetings and planning sessions:**
 - EdCo meets on the second Tuesday of each month, 3:30–5:30 p.m. (except July/August) – online (Teams)
 - Two planning sessions and occasional special meetings (Teams or hybrid)
- **Prepare & engage:**
 - Become familiar with EdCo Bylaws and relevant College policies
 - Review meeting packages in advance
 - Actively participate in meetings, bring forward questions, and suggest topics for discussion
 - Vote on proposals for new or revised curriculum and policies
- **Note:** There is no honorarium for EdCo members.

Board of Governors Composition

- Minimum of (8) government appointed members (6-year term)
- (4) elected board members:
 - 1 faculty (3-year term)
 - 1 support staff (3-year term)
 - 2 students (1-year term)
- Ex-Officio (non-voting):
 - President and Chair, Education Council
- Appointed Members and Student Members of the Board are eligible for a \$2,000 honorarium. Paid bi-weekly.

Board and Committee Meetings

- There are 6 "in-person" Board meetings each year, and potentially 1 retreat.
- Board meetings are generally on a Wednesday from 4:00-8:00 pm (Broadway Campus; if needed on Teams).
- Board Committees meet approximately 5 to 6 times a year by Teams.
- Other educational sessions & Special Board Meetings are scheduled at different times. These can be in-person or virtual.

What does the Board of Governors do?

The Board of Governors powers are outlined in the College and Institute Act:

- Make decisions (sole authority)
- Delegate authority

The Board deals with matters such as:

- President's Performance Objectives
- Policies
- New credentials
- Tuition for new and revised programs
- Affiliations with other institutions
- Property related matters

What is expected of a Board member

Become familiar with:

- Relevant government mandate, legislation & policies
- VCC Board Bylaws, Education Council Bylaw & College policies

Be prepared:

- Read advance materials
- Seek more info relevant to governance

Attend meetings and retreats:

- Participate, question, contribute.
- Refer operational issues to the President.

Bring your voice to the table

Every person on EdCo speaks from an area of the college that needs to be heard. We can't make good change without listening to each other. I hope that students, in particular, will join to learn about how academic changes are made, and to influence those changes

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Questions?

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