

Date: September 20, 2023
From: University Secretary, Gina Kennedy
Subject: After Meeting Report from September 20, 2023

The report summarizes discussions, decisions and information presented at the **Board of Governors Meeting for NOSM University** in September 2023. Meeting information and Open Meeting documents/presentations can be found on the website [Board Sessions and Open Meeting](#).

NOSM University respectfully acknowledges that the entirety of the University's wider campus of Northern Ontario is on the homelands of First Nations and Métis Peoples. The University buildings in Thunder Bay and Sudbury are located on the territory of the Anishinabek Nation, specifically Atikameksheng and Wahnapiitae First Nations and Fort William First Nation.

The Board honoured and remembered Elder [Helen Cromarty](#). Among Helen's many accomplishments, she was an inaugural member of NOSM's Board of Directors (2003-2011) and Circle of Elders. Our thoughts are with the Cromarty family and all those whose lives she touched.

Agenda

A) Minutes of the Meeting –May 17, 2023, were approved as presented.

B) Items for Approval

- Approval Audited Financial Statements for April 30, 2024 – **Approved**
- Grant Thornton LLP appointed as auditors of the corporation for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2024 – **Approved**
- Approves the Joint Benefits Committee's recommendation of the benefit renewal rates as negotiated by Mercer of approximately 14.6% for Health and Dental benefits effective October 1, 2023 – **Approved**
- Overview of Operating Results and Restricted Assets & Update on Legal Fees and Total CCAA Costs, and Program Expansion – **Received for Information**
- Moved that the revised 2024 Board of Governors meeting schedule – **Approved**.
 - February 21, 2024 (Wednesday)
 - May 30, 2024 (Thursday) – IN PERSON
 - September 18, 2024 (Wednesday)
 - November 20 & 21, 2024 (Thursday & Friday)- IN PERSON
- Confirmation of the 2024 NOSM U Board of Governors Chair and Vice Chair – **Approved**

The Board welcomed one new member and confirmed the reappointment of three Governors as follows:

- Dr. Killian deBlacam (LGIC appointment)
- Dr. Imran Bagha (Learner reappointment)
- L. Joy Warkentin (Governor reappointment)
- Mark Hurst (Governor reappointment)

President's Report - Dr. Sarita Verma provided a detailed overview of her latest report [Health Equity](#)

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Northern Routes - [Is Summer Over Already](#)

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Closed Session - to discuss items of a personnel, legal, or real estate nature, and other sensitive or confidential matters, and that only members of and others approved by the Board may be present.

Next Meeting:

November 24-24, 2023 (Sudbury) –Board of Governors Meeting *a portion of this meeting will be designated closed.

Interested in attending a meeting but not a Governor? – As of June 2023, the University Secretary will send Calendar Invites with specific information to Governors, Official Observers, and the President’s Cabinet.

A general invite is in the NOSM U Internal Master Calendar. As a guest you can find information for attending in the general calendar invite, on the Board of Governors website or by emailing governance@nosm.ca

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All documents are located in the [Board Portal](#) and posted on the [Board Public Webpage](#).

Questions regarding this report or for official documents can be directed to the Gina Kennedy, University Secretary at [governance@nosm.ca](mailto:governance@nosm.ca)

## VISION

Innovative education and research for a healthier North.

## MISSION

To improve the health of Northern Ontarians by being socially accountable in our education and research programs and advocating for health equity.

[The NOSM University Challenge – Strategic Plan 2021-2025](#)