

HIGHER EDUCATION QUALITY COUNCIL OF ONTARIO

MINUTES

BOARD MEETING BY TELECONFERENCE

December 13, 2018

1 pm – 1:30 pm

Council members present:

Herbert, Sue

Lang, Pat

Mayer, Denis (Acting chair)

Zegarac, George

President and Secretary to the Board:

Weingarten, Harvey P.

Staff supporting the Council:

Deller, Fiona, Executive Director, Research & Policy

Hicks, Martin, Executive Director, Data & Statistics

Macri, Diana, Chief Administrative Officer

Permato, Ellen, Executive Assistant and Recording Secretary

Ross, Matt, Manager of Communications

1. Call to order

Denis Mayer, Acting chair, called the meeting to order at 1 pm and established that a quorum of Council members was present.

2. Approval of meeting agenda

Moved by Pat Lang; seconded by Sue Herbert

Approved unanimously.

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3. Minutes of the meeting of October 18, 2018

Motion:

1. That the Board approve the minutes of Board meeting of October 18, 2018.

Moved by Pat Lang; seconded by Denis Mayer

Approved unanimously.

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4.1 Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities update

Highlights of Deputy Minister George Zegarac's update:

1. Freedom of Speech policy
2. Agency review
3. HEQCO's Multi-Year Business Plan
4. HEQCO Board appointments

4.2 **Chair's update**

Denis Mayer reported that he sent a letter of thanks to John Milloy for his contribution to the Board. He will discuss Board nominations with the other members at the executive session portion of the meeting.

He also informed Board members that the Ministry now requires that quarterly financial reports be approved by the Board before the release of quarterly funding installments. D. Mayer suggested to approve the 3rd quarter financial report via email on January 10, 2019. Sue Herbert and Pat Lang concurred with the Acting Chair.

5.1 **President's update**

Harvey Weingarten expressed satisfaction working and communicating with the Deputy Minister and the Minister's Chief of Staff.

He reported that he has been interviewed by the media (print and radio) about HEQCO'S role in the government's *Freedom of Speech Policy*. HEQCO has created a protocol on how to discharge this responsibility.

HEQCO is developing a dashboard of performance measurements that is closely aligned with those of the Ministry's. This will form the basis for a report on the Strategic Mandate Agreement 3 (SMA3).

The report on the Essential Adult Skills Initiative (EASI) was published in November. It involved two large-scale trials to measure literacy, numeracy and critical-thinking skills of entering and graduating students.

6.1 **Multi-Year Business Plan 2019-2022**

Motion:

1. That the Board approve the Multi-Year Business Plan 2019-2022 for submission to the Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities.

Moved by Denis Mayer; seconded by Sue Herbert.

Approved unanimously.

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7. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Note: The Board members approved the 3rd quarter financial report by email on January 4, 2019.