



University
of Victoria

Board and Board Committee Meetings Monday September 22 and Tuesday September 23, 2025

Open Session
Tuesday September 23, 2025
Senate and Board Chambers, Jamie Cassels Centre

SUMMARY RECORD

Present: Brian Cant, (Chair), Samantha Allan, Param Bhatti, Erin Campbell, Christina Clarke, Marne Jensen, Val Napoleon, Erinn Pinkerton, Paul Ramsey, Laylee Rohani, Robina Thomas, Ivan Watson, Carrie Andersen (Secretary)

By Invitation: Elizabeth Croft, Chris Horbachewski, Lisa Kalynchuk, Lalita Kines, Kristi Simpson

Regrets: Marion Buller, Roshan Danesh, Jyoti Stephens

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: (B. Cant/V. Napoleon)

THAT the agenda of the open session of the regular meeting of September 23, 2025 be approved.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Summary Record of the Meeting held June 24, 2025

MOTION: (B. Cant/I. Watson)

THAT the summary record of the open session of the regular meeting held June 24, 2025 be approved.

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Summary Record

There was none.

4. Chair's Remarks

The Chair provided a territorial acknowledgement. B. Cant introduced Lalita Kines, Interim Vice-President Indigenous. He spoke about the fall term and said he is looking forward to his time as Chair of the Board. He thanked P. Ramsey for his time as Chair.

5. Correspondence

There was none.

6. Acting President's Report

Robina Thomas, Acting President and Vice-Chancellor introduced herself. She noted that this is her first meeting as Acting President.

R. Thomas provided information and updates on campus events, including Campus Kudos and the Distinguished Alumni Awards. She welcomed new faculty, staff and academic leaders to their roles.

R. Thomas provided an update on the Centre for Indigenous Laws and Fraser Building Renovation, noting that the construction project is in the final stages. She also provided an update on construction of the Engineering expansion project.

R. Thomas reported on awards for members of the university community. Dr. Dennis Hore from Chemistry and Computer Science and Dr. Bruce Wallace from the School of Social Work and the Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research have won the Confederation of University Faculty Associations BC Ehor Boyanowsky Academic of the Year Award. Dr. Caroline Cameron of Biochemistry and Microbiology has received the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences Fellowship. Katya Rhodes in the School of Public Admin has won the Molecular Diversity Preservation International Sustainability Foundation - Emerging Sustainability Leader Award, 2025. Five UVic researchers have been recognized by the Royal Society of Canada, this country's highest academic honour. Congratulations to Ruobing Dong from Physic and Astronomy, Tom Gleeson of Civil Engineering and Earth and Ocean Sciences, Brad Nelson from Biochemistry and Microbiology, Yang Shi of Mechanical Engineering, and Margaret-Anne Storey of Computer Science.

R. Thomas noted that on September 15, 2025, a group of UVic leaders traveled to Chemainus, or the Stz'uminus First Nation, to participate in an announcement that celebrates the collaboration between the Faculty of Education's Department of Indigenous Education and the Stz'uminus First Nation with funding from the Indigenous Policy and Engagement Branch of the Ministry of Education. priority.

On September 2, 2025, the John Horgan Campus in Langford opened to students from Royal Roads University, UVic, Camosun, the Justice Institute of BC and Sooke School District 62. R. Thomas said she was looking forward to seeing what the campus had to offer going forward.

R. Thomas spoke of the \$5M investment from the Mastercard Foundation to advance UVic's commitments to reconciliation, increasing and sustaining Indigenous-led initiatives and Indigenous leadership across the institution.

As Orange Shirt Day approaches, R. Thomas encouraged members to attend the events on campus and spend time thinking about what is done day to day to support reconciliation.

There were no questions for R. Thomas.

- 7. External Relations Report** BOG-Sep23/25-29
Chris Horbachewski, Vice-President External Relations presented his report.

There were no questions for C. Horbachewski.

CONSENT

- 8. Finance Committee (Jyoti Stephens)**
- a. 2025/26 Budget Expenditure Allocation Report** BOG-Sep23/25-02
- 9. Operations and Facilities Committee (Paul Ramsey)**
- a. Annual Academic Staffing, Recruitment and Vacancies Report** BOG-Sep23/25-10
- b. Status Report on Capital Projects** BOG-Sep23/25-12a
- c. VPRI Research Activity by the Numbers Report 2024-25** BOG-Sep23/25-15

REGULAR

- 10. Finance Committee (Brian Cant for Jyoti Stephens)**
- a. Working Capital Investment Report January 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025** BOG-Sep23/25-06
B. Cant presented the report.
- b. University of Victoria Responsible Investment Report – March 31, 2025** BOG-Sep23/25-08
B. Cant invited Kristi Simpson, Vice-President Finance and Operations to introduce the item. K. Simpson stated that this is the first report under the updated policy approved by Board in January 2025. She reviewed highlights in the report.

There were no questions for K. Simpson.

11. Operations and Facilities Committee (Paul Ramsey)

a. Indigenous Citizenship Declaration Policy and Procedures

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P. Ramsey invited Lalita Kines, Interim Vice-President Indigenous to introduce the item. L. Kines acknowledged that the team has been working for over a year on this policy and introduced Julianna Nielsen, Acting Director Indigenous University Initiatives who provided a presentation on the process.

J. Nielsen provided background on the research, engagement and collaboration that took place. Nielsen stated that next steps, once the policy was approved, included hiring dedicated management and support staff, continuing meetings with campus partners and conversations with BC post-secondary institutions as well as engagement with local Nations.

MOTION: (V. Napoleon/S. Allan)

THAT the Board of Governors approve the Indigenous Citizenship Declaration Policy and Associated Procedures (GV0810), effective November 1st, 2025.

CARRIED

12. Audit Committee (Erinn Pinkerton)

a. PSAS Budget Approval and Government Reporting Entity Quarterly Report – period ending June 30, 2025

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E. Pinkerton noted that the Public Sector Accounting Standards requires approval each quarter. This quarter is based on actuals from April to June 2025. There are no material changes or concerns to note to date. A balanced budget with a small surplus is being forecast.

MOTION: (P. Ramsey/L. Rohani)

THAT the Board of Governors approve the budget and associated forecast prepared for inclusion in the reporting on the 2025/26 University of Victoria Consolidated financial statements in accordance with the Public Sector Accounting Standards, as per Schedules A and B.

CARRIED

13. Executive and Governance Committee (Brian Cant)

a. Procedures of the Board 2025/26

B. Cant noted that these procedures are circulated annually for approval.

MOTION: (P. Ramsey/V. Napoleon)

THAT the Board of Governors approve the Board Procedures for the year 2025/26 and the Statement of Responsibilities of the Board of Governors and its Members.

CARRIED

14. Other Business

There was none.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

Original signed by Brian Cant, Board Chair and Carrie Andersen, University Secretary.