

**Board of Governors' Meeting #551
Public Session Highlights
September 24, 2026**

The Board of Governors of Georgian College of Applied Arts and Technology held a board meeting on Thursday, September 24, 2026, in-person at the Barrie Campus and online using Microsoft Teams.

Board Education

Elder Stephanie Sandy, a member of the Chippewas of Rama First Nation, opened the meeting with a prayer. She was joined by Mercedes Jacko, Manager of Indigenous Services.

Suzie Addison-Toor, Vice President, Student Success, introduced the new Georgian College Students' Association (GCSA) Presidents who joined the meeting and provided brief remarks. The Chair thanked them for joining and wished them success in their future endeavors.

Chair's Remarks

The Chair welcomed governors and shared the Georgian College land acknowledgment.

President's remarks

The president provided a brief update on recent activities:

- Fall student orientation achieved record-breaking attendance; Employee startup events included students, employee and alumni speakers.
- An enrolment update was provided. Domestic enrolment remains positive.
- Spring convocation highlights included honorary degrees presented to Lee McDonald and Fred Hacker. A posthumous fellowship for Governor Steve Loftus.
- October Automotive Business School of Canada (ABSC) convocation will recognize Bev Goodman with an honorary degree.
- The President will serve as a member of the Energy & Electricity Workforce Alliance Strategic Advisory Council. Participation in the Alliance will further strengthen Georgian's position as a thought leader on labour market and workforce issues.
- A Memorandum of Collaboration was signed with the Royal Canadian Navy, strengthening Georgian's role as a military-connected college.
- Pride was expressed in the organization's achievements and continued delivery of the strategic and business plans.
- The 34th annual Georgian Golf Classic will be held Sept. 29 at The Club at Bond Head.
- The Barrie Campus will host a first responder memorial on Sept. 25, including a flag lowering and moment of silence.
- The President's contract renewal was announced in August and received supportive feedback. The President thanked the board for their confidence and support.

Consent agenda

Reports were presented to the board for review:

- Previous meeting minutes.
- College Program advisory committee appointments.
- 2025-26 Program advisory committee annual report.
- Health and safety report.

- Access and privacy report.
- Legislative compliance report.
- Equity, diversity, inclusion and belonging report.
- Campus Free Speech Policy annual report.
- Enrolment management update.

Board Spotlight article

The meeting package included a Board Governor Spotlight article featuring Tara O’Neil, faculty representative. The spotlight series is part of the college’s ongoing efforts to help the Board and broader college community learn more about its governors.