

BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING #545**Public Session Highlights****Oct. 23, 2025**

The Board of Governors of Georgian College of Applied Arts and Technology held a board meeting on Thursday, Oct. 23, 2025, in-person at the Barrie Campus and online using Microsoft Teams.

Chair's remarks

The Chair welcomed governors and presented new governors with their board pins.

Board education

Alim Remtulla, Vice President, People and Culture, presented on the employee experience. He highlighted the employee journey – recruit, develop and care, grow. There was an opportunity for discussion and questions.

President's remarks

The president provided a brief update on recent activities:

- Full-time support staff union and the colleges reached a tentative agreement, and staff are transitioning back to the workplace.
- Part-time support staff voted in favour of a strike mandate, and three mediation dates are scheduled.
- Georgian is a community partner for Barrie Cares, which held its first phase launch last week. Barrie Cares aims to empower the community to create a coordinated response to homelessness, addressing root causes and ensuring everyone in Barrie has a pathway to safe and stable housing.
- Georgian nominee Solomon King (class of 2018) was announced recipient of the 2025 Premier's Award Culture and Creative Achievement Award.
- Georgian's biennial gala is Nov. 7 at Casino Rama Resort. The gala is a pivotal fundraising initiative; all funds raised go directly to student supports including bursaries, scholarships and essential services such as the Georgian Food Locker.
- Congratulations to Governor Kevin Collins who was recently inducted into the Canadian Disability Hall of Fame. Kevin has a long history of supporting children with disabilities and is current President and CEO of Easter Seals Ontario. Kevin is a Georgian alumni (class of 1984) and previous Premier's Award recipient (2019).

Consent agenda

Reports were presented to the board for review:

- Previous meeting minutes.
- Program advisory committee appointments.