



The MSA Board of Directors
Monthly Meeting Minutes
(2025-2026)



The MSA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

- BOD accepted T. Trung resignation due to conflicting school obligations and wish them the best!
- BOD approved the 2026-2027 MSA Operating and Capital Budget
- BOD approved the 2026-2027 engaging in exploration, research and evaluation of external advocacy partners
- BOD approved ED salary for the 2026-2027 year
- BOD endorsed the 2026-2027 board of directors for ratification at SMM
- BOD endorsed candidates for VPEI and VPIA for ratification at SMM



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Wednesday, February 18, 2026

- Board of Directors had the Director, Student Rights and Conduct present findings for the 24-25 year regarding student behaviour policy violations, remediation and education, and future directions
 - Vice President, Students, International, and Infrastructure also gave an update that Mohawk College will be strengthening their financial aid landing page with an FAQ regarding Ontario PSE policy changes (e.g., OSAP, Domestic Tuition, and overall funding)
- Board of Directors received an election update that all general ballot positions are contested this year; first time in over 10 years for the President role to be contested
- Board of Directors received information from concerned students regarding funding ratio changes to OSAP
 - Board of Directors voted to make an official statement asking for more clarity on the changes and how it would impact students moving forward
 - Board of Directors voted to create a survey to gather more student feedback on the impacts the changes to OSAP would have on students educational journey and the impacts post-graduation to use for government lobbying with all provincial parties



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Wednesday, January 21, 2026

- Board of Directors approved the resignation of C. Blanco, Director at Large
- Board of Directors approved participating in the Canadian Alliance of Student Association's ePetition for the continued expansion of Canada Student Grants and Loans
- Board of Directors discussed the creation of a framework for participating in external advocacy requests for organizations the MSA is not a partner with
- Board of Directors approved the dissolution of the Sustainability Initiative Fee Memorandum of Understanding to move forward with a new collaboration and governance structure with Mohawk College to better support student voice in sustainability decision making and efforts



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Wednesday, December 17, 2025

- Board of Directors regretfully accepted the resignation of Director at Large, Cedrick Blanco and wish him all the best!
- Board of Directors appointed Ismail Ibrahim Badar as the 2026-2027 Chief Returning Officer for the upcoming election cycle
- Board of Directors approved all roles within the Student Executive Team for the upcoming elections, including the roles of President, Vice President College Affairs, Vice President External Affairs, Vice President Equity & Inclusion, Vice President International Affairs
- Board of Directors endorsed Mohawk College's 2026-2027 Ancillary Fees and will be following up with senior administration with comments and feedback to ensure a continued monitoring of fee outcomes



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Wednesday, November 18, 2025

- The Board approved a \$20,000 donation to Mohawk College Athletics department in their bid to host OCAA Nationals for the 2026-2027 year
- The Board approved the President and Director External Affairs to attend Queens Park for provincial lobby week with other student organizations (CSA, OSV, OUSA)
- The Board approved a revised MSA operational budget for the 2025-2026 year
- Board approved the MSA Compulsory Ancillary Fees for the 2026-2027 year
- The Board appointed Doane, Grant, Thorton to conduct the 2025-2026 Financial Audit of the MSA
- The Board approved an updated Elections Policy for the upcoming 2026-2027 MSA Elections to reflect new roles for student leaders and voting processes



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Wednesday, October 15, 2025

- Membership voted at The AMM that all secretarial duties shall now lie with The MSA Executive Director
- Vaniya Tanveer is now a Director at Large
- TJ Beckham is now a Director at Large
- Bashi Ali is now Director College Affairs



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Wednesday, September 24, 2025

- The Board approved the concept of a governance restructure, which will be rolled out for the 2026-2027 elections
- The Board approved the proposed recommendations of the By-Laws, which will be brought to the Annual Members Meeting on October 8 for full membership approval



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Wednesday, August 20, 2025

- The Board of Directors approved their Advocacy Priorities for the 2025-2026 academic year, with a focus on three main pillars of advocacy which are Affordability, Accessibility and Equity. From there, they will put efforts towards understanding the cost-of-living challenges of students, experiential learning, and international student policies and supports. This explorative advocacy will better inform Mohawk College policies, as well as government policies to best support the student experience
- The Board approved the 2024-2025 Audited Financial Statements of the MSA. The MSA had a clean audit and is positioned in a financially sound and stable position moving into the new fiscal year
- The Board approved a \$2500 award towards the Alumni of Distinction, which recognizes outstanding Mohawk College alumni for their work in the community and beyond
- The Board approved an amendment to the Board Chair's contract to better support our Board of Directors governance needs



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Wednesday, July 16, 2025

- The Board approved an updated Finance Committee terms of reference
- The Board approved the terms of reference for the Strategic Plan Steering Committee
- Director of External Affairs, Madison Filax-Orr, was appointed to sit with Pedro Nemezio on the MSA's Strategic Plan Steering Committee
- The Board approved a sponsorship of \$6000 towards supporting the Mohawk College President's Golf Tournament
- The Board approved the advocacy focused workplans of the President, Director of External Affairs and Director of College Affairs



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Wednesday, June 18, 2025

- The Board approved the 25-26 Annual Governance Plan
- The Board approved the updated Terms of Reference for both Governance Committee and Advocacy Committee
- The Board approved The MSA co-hosting a student affairs conference with Niagara and Seneca student associations
- The Board approved the creation of a Conference and Advocacy Initiative Participation Plan to ensure strategic alignment with organizational outcomes
- The Board was briefed on new renovations to The MSA Student Centre, including student created artwork and a mural by local Indigenous artist Kyle Joedicke
- The Board was briefed on the upcoming communication plan to ensure wider visibility of Board initiatives and advocacy efforts
- The Board was briefed on the potential impacts of Bill 33 and are considering that as they take the next month to determine their advocacy priorities for the year



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Wednesday, May 21, 2025

The incoming 2025-2026 MSA Board of Directors had their first official meeting of the year! They put their training to the test and had a fantastic first meeting.

Here are a few highlights from the meeting this month:

- The Board approved their committee standings to ensure full student representation on The MSA, at Mohawk College, and on CASA committees
- The Board heard from MSA staff about summer plans and looks forward to consulting further on the upcoming strategic plan

The Board is also excited to extend an invitation to students [like you] to come join the next meeting in June.