



**Board of Governors**

**Student Representative**

**2026 Elections Package**

## BOARD OF GOVERNORS' ELECTION 2026

### INTERNAL BOARD CANDIDATES' NOMINATION PACKAGE

This section of information is intended for those students who wish to be nominated for the position of Student Representative on the George Brown Polytechnic's Board of Governors. Enclosed, you will find information related to the nomination and election process to the Polytechnic's Board of Governors. The kit includes background on the Board itself, frequency of meetings, general duties of a Board member, a nomination form which must be signed by five nominators and the nominee as indicated, and a brief Questions & Answers document.

The nominations and election process shall be managed by the George Brown College Student Association, using policies and processes as ratified by its Board of Directors. For details regarding the campaigning and voting procedures, refer to the document published by the George Brown College Student Association for elections to their Board of Directors.

#### **3.4 NUMBER OF GOVERNORS**

The affairs of the Polytechnic shall be managed by its Board of Governors. The Board of Governors shall consist of seventeen Governors being:

- (a) the President of the Polytechnic, who shall be an ex-officio Governor with the right to vote;
- (b) one student, one Academic Staff Employee, one Administrative Staff Employee and one Support Staff Employee, each of whom shall be elected in accordance with the policy and procedures established by the Board of Governors (hereinafter referred to as the "Internal Governor(s)"); and
- (c) twelve other Governors (such Governors hereinafter referred to as "External Governor(s)"), four of whom shall be appointed by the LGIC and eight of whom shall be appointed by the members of the Board holding office at the time of the appointment; provided that none of the Governors appointed under this subsection shall be an employee or a student of a Polytechnic of applied arts and technology.

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## **BOARD FUNCTIONS**

The Board of Governors makes decisions that touch all areas of College life. The Board's representatives review and debate everything from the College's annual operating budget to the approval of new programs. Board members also sit on Board standing committees which may meet bi-monthly to deal with specific issues such as academic and student affairs, property, and finances. Board members also participate in a number of special College events, such as Board Orientation, an annual retreat, and spend several hours each month reading material, preparing for meetings, and talking with fellow Board members or their constituents.

## **PURPOSE/OBJECTIVE**

The Student Representative to the Board solicits student input, represents students' interests at George Brown Polytechnic as an internal board member, and communicates information and matters of relevance from the Board to the student body. As a Governor, the Student Representative to the Board is required to abide by the Board of Governors By Law 1 and all applicable Board policies. For more information, please see [Board Bylaws and Policies | George Brown Polytechnic](#)

## **GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Regular attendance at Board meetings
- Membership in the Academic and Student Affairs (ASA) Committee
- Ad-hoc attendance at other meetings as requested or required
- Available for ongoing structured opportunities to meet with students, other Board members, and College management in connection with matters of the Board

## **SKILLS/KNOWLEDGE/ATTRIBUTES**

- Strong oral and written communication skills
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Excellent time management
- Results-oriented

## **TERM OF OFFICE**

September 1, 2026 – August 31, 2027.

### **Article 3.9**

Internal Governors who are elected by the students shall hold office for a term of one year, commencing on the 1st day of September in the year of their election. Internal Governors who are elected by the students shall not serve for more than four years consecutively, but are eligible for re-election after two years' absence from the Board of Governors for successive terms not to exceed four years in total.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Only full-time students enrolled in a program at the Polytechnic and who will continue to be enrolled in such a program during the 2026/2027 academic year may be nominated for the Internal Governor. They shall possess a passing GPA of 2.75 and must be nominated by five students enrolled on the date the election is called.

A student who graduates prior to the end of the term of office may remain a member of the Board; however, a student who withdraws from the Polytechnic prior to the end of the term ceases to be a member of the Board.

### **BOARD MEETINGS**

The Board of Governors meets bi-monthly except for the months of July and August. Meetings typically begin at 4:00 p.m. and usually last about two hours. In addition, there are meetings of the standing committees in alternate months to the full Board and a full-day retreat.

Special Meetings may be called from time to time at the discretion of the Board Chair.

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

There are five standing committees. These are:

- Academic and Student Affairs Committee
- Finance and Property Committee
- Audit Committee
- Governance Committee
- Executive Committee
- People and Technology Committee

Each Board member is expected to sit on one of these committees. Generally Committees meet bi-monthly with the exception of the months of July and August.

Depending on the committee, meetings normally begin either at 5:00 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. and usually last approximately two hours.

## **ELECTIONS PROCESS**

Refer to the 2026 Student Association Election Package available from the Student Association office on your campus for a schedule of key dates and appropriate election processes.

## **MORE INFORMATION**

Further information on the Board, the election process or answers to questions may be obtained from the Secretary of the Board of Governors at [BoardSecretariat@georgebrown.ca](mailto:BoardSecretariat@georgebrown.ca).

## **Student Representative Election Questions and Answers**

### **What is the role of the Board of Governors, and what does being a member entail?**

The Board of Governors makes decisions that touch all levels of Polytechnic life. Regular meetings are held bi-monthly on a Wednesday. The Board's representatives review and debate everything from the Polytechnic's annual operating budget to the approval of new programs.

Governors also sit on Board committees which may meet bi-monthly to deal with specific issues such as academic and student affairs, property and finances. Governors also participate in a number of special Polytechnic events, such as an annual retreat, and spend several hours each month reading material, preparing for meetings, and talking with fellow Board members or their constituents.

According to a provincial regulation, Board members should represent such diverse areas of the community as organized labour, professional business associations and ethnic groups. One third of these community representatives are appointed to the Board by the Lieutenant Governor in Council (LGIC) and the remaining by the Polytechnic. There are also elected representatives of faculty, support staff, and administration at the Polytechnic and one student representative.

### **What is the term of office?**

The new student representative will serve from **September 1, 2026 to August 31, 2027**.

## **WHO CAN RUN FOR ELECTION?**

All students who are enrolled in a program of instruction at the Polytechnic on a full-time basis on September 1, 2026, and who will continue to be enrolled in such a program during the 2026/2025 academic year are eligible to be nominated and to run for election. They must possess a passing GPA of 2.75.

Interested students must complete a nomination package which is available from the Student Association office on your campus.

**Nomination Deadlines:** Please refer to the 2025 Student Association Election Package for a schedule of key dates.

### **Is campaigning permitted?**

Campaigning by candidates is encouraged! Please refer to the 2025 Student Association Election Package for appropriate election processes.

**When and where will voting take place?**

Voting will take place as outlined in the 2026 Student Association Election Package.

**When will the votes be counted?**

Vote counting will take place as outlined in the 2026 Student Association Election Package.

**How can I find out more about the Board?**

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**Board of Governors  
Nomination for Student Representative  
2026-2027**

**PART I: Candidate's Information**

<b>Candidate's Name</b>	<b>Candidate's Student Number</b>
<b>Candidate's Telephone Number</b>	<b>Candidate's email</b>

**Part II: Nominators**

We, the undersigned, wish to nominate the candidate listed above as a candidate for the position of Student Representative on the Board of Governors. Each of us is a full-time student of George Brown Polytechnic:

#	Name	Student ID #	Program	Signature
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				

**Part III:**

I, the undersigned, verify that I am a full-time student of George Brown Polytechnic; that I agree to be nominated; that I am eligible to serve on the Board; and that I am able to carry out the duties of a Board member, if elected.

By signing the nomination form, you give consent to the Chief Returning Officer to confirm with the Manager of Information and Student Services that your passing GPA is 2.75 or higher.

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Signature

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Date

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