

University of Waterloo
SPECIAL SENATE MEETING
Minutes of the March 9, 2026 Meeting

Present: John Abraham, Nasser Abukhdeir, Yasmeen Almomani, Veronica Austen, Michael Barnett-Cowan, Jordan Bauman, Raouf Boutaba, Andrew Chang, David Clausi, Martin Cooke, Cecilia Cotton, Hans De Sterck, Laura Deakin, Charmaine Dean, David DeVidi, Michael Drescher, Andrea Edginton, Mark Ferro, Paul Fieguth, Teresa Fortney, Bruce Frayne, Murray Gamble, Gen Gauthier-Chalifour (Secretary), Vivek Goel (Chair), Rob Gorbet, Peter Hall, Kevin Hare, Chris Houser, Nadine Ibrahim, Marc Jerry, Acey Kaspar, Scott Kline, Jochen Koenemann, Christiane Lemieux, John Lewis, Ondrej Lhotak, Lili Liu, Brad Lushman, Shana MacDonald, Pendar Mahmoudi, Colleen Maxwell, Peter Meehan, Damian Mikhail, Sushanta Mitra, Christopher Nielsen, James Nugent, Alex Pawelko, Nicholas Pellegrino, Neil Randall, Arya Razmjoo, Jacinda Reitsma, Jessica Rindlisbacher, Sharon Roberts, Meray Sadek, Beth Sandore Namachchivaya, Rida Sayed, Jagdeep Singh Bachher, Christopher Taylor, Alexie Tcheuyap, Sharon Tucker, Ian VanderBurgh, Diana Vangelisti, Bojana Videkanic, Justin Wan, Johanna Wandel, Mary Wells, Jeffrey Wilson, Stan Woo, Clarence Woudsma, En-Hui Yang

Regrets: Laith Alkhalwaldeh, Aubrey Basdeo, Helen Chen, Thomas Duever, Vikas Gupta, Achim Kempf, Misha Khan, Sachin Kotecha, Christopher Lim, Jun Liu, Carol Ann MacGregor, Blake Madill, Heather Mair, Richard Myers, Carter Neal, David Porreca, Mark Seasons, Marcus Shantz, James Skidmore, Karen Sunabacka, Su-Yin Tan, Katie Traynor

Guests/Resources: Lisa Aultman-Hall, Ashley Day, Melanie Figueiredo, Mike Gaspic, Diana Goncalves, Troy Osborne

Organization of Meeting: Vivek Goel took the chair and Genevieve Gauthier-Chalifour acted as secretary. The secretary advised that a quorum was present.

1. Governance Resources

This item was provided for information only.

2. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

3. Territorial Acknowledgement

The territorial acknowledgement was given by the Chair.

4. Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5. Report of the Presidential Nominating Committee

The Chair invited Murray Gamble, Chair of the Board of Governors and of the Presidential Nominating Committee, to speak to the report and recommendation of the nominating committee.

Gamble presented a comprehensive summary of the nominating committee process, detailing its formation, consultation efforts, outreach initiatives, emphasis on candidate diversity, and meetings conducted. Gamble further explained the rationale supporting the committee's recommendation, noting that it was reached unanimously.

Gamble/Skidmore.

That Senate approve the appointment of Dr. Bill Rosehart as the eighth President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Waterloo for a five-year term beginning July 1, 2026; and,

That Senate recommends the Board of Governors approve the appointment, including as Professor with tenure in the Faculty of Engineering, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

CARRIED.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

March 9, 2026

Genevieve Gauthier-Chalifour
University Secretary