

## **Information for Candidates for Election as Student Governor Niagara College of Applied Arts and Technology**

### **Responsibilities of the Board of Governors:**

The Board of Governors is responsible for defining the role and mission of the college and, thereby, setting the strategic directions for the college to achieve. The Board of Governors also has responsibility for fiduciary oversight and institutional performance. Ministry Directives define the Board's responsibility as follows:

- Establishing governance structures to enable the achievement of expected institutional outcomes with clear lines of communication and internal accountability.
- Setting the college vision, strategic directions, and overall goals and outcomes within the context of the appropriate laws, government policy, and local need.
- Hiring the CEO (i.e., president), delegating to the CEO accountability for the performance and operation of the college, and evaluating the CEO's performance.
- Approving the college's annual business plan, budget, and annual report.
- Assessing periodically the effectiveness of the board with respect to governance and the attainment of corporate goals and outcomes.
- Ensuring that appropriate corrective action is taken where expected outcomes or quality of performance is not being achieved.

Potential candidates are also encouraged to read the Niagara College Board By-laws and Policies available at [www.niagaracollege.ca/boardofgovernors](http://www.niagaracollege.ca/boardofgovernors)

### **Service on the Board of Governors:**

- a) Five to six evening meetings throughout the academic year with the exception of July and August. Meetings are normally held on Thursday evenings.
- b) Other meetings as scheduled from time to time (i.e.: Strategic Retreat)
- c) Orientation sessions:
  - (i) Niagara College (September 2026)
  - (ii) Colleges Ontario Orientation for New Governors (November 2026)

Occasionally, Governors are also requested/invited to represent the Board at College functions; i.e., convocation ceremonies, ground-breaking and ribbon-cutting openings, etc.

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