

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION OF THE THIRD MEETING of the 2024/2025 Board of Engineers and Geoscientists BC, held on February 21, 2025 at the Engineers & Geoscientists BC office (Dan Lambert Boardroom) and virtually via TEAMS.

**Present**

**Board**

Mark Porter, P.Eng., StructEng.	Chair (2024/2025)
Karen Ling, P.Eng.	Vice Chair (2024/2025)
Michelle Mahovich, P.Eng., P.Geo.	Immediate Past Chair (2024/2025)
Bill Chan, CPA, CGA, MBA, ICD.D	Board Member (2024/2025)
Veronica Knott, P.Eng.	Board Member (2024/2025)
Cathy McIntyre, MBA, C.Dir	Board Member (2024/2025)
TJ Schmaltz, JD, FCPHR, SHRM-SCP, ICD.D	Board Member (2024/2025)
Malcolm Shield, P.Eng.	Board Member (2024/2025)
Colette Trudeau, M.A.	Board Member (2024/2025)
Jens Weber, P.Eng.	Board Member (2024/2025)
Gordon Zhou, P.Eng.	Board Member (2024/2025)

**Regrets**

Matthew Salmon, P.Eng.	Board Member (2024/2025)
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**Guests**

Claudio Arato, P.Eng., FEC	Chair, Credentials Committee
Julius Pataky, P.Eng., FEC	Engineers and Geoscientists BC's representative to the Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board
Rishi Gupta, P.Eng., FEC	Engineers and Geoscientists BC's representative to the Canadian Engineering Qualifications Board
Antigone Dixon-Warren, P.Geo., PMP, FGC	Engineers and Geoscientists BC's representative to the Geoscientists Canada Board
Sany Zein, P.Eng., FEC	Engineers and Geoscientists BC's representative to the Vancouver Airport Authority Board

**Staff**

Virginie Brunetaud, P.Ag., CC-P	Climate Strategist, PPSD
Tanya Hupka	Executive Assistant to CEO
Stephanie Kwong	Executive Assistant to CFAO, CRO, COO
David Pavan, R. Ph.	Chief Regulatory Officer & Registrar
Deesh Olychick	Director, Corporate Governance & Strategy
Will Morrison	Manager, Governance & Policy
Jason Ong	Director, Registration
Tracy Richards	Board Governance Specialist
Harshan Radhakrishnan, P.Eng., FEC, SCR	Manager, Climate Change and Sustainability Initiatives, PPSD
Ramin Seifi, P.Eng., FEC	Director, Professional Practice, Standards & Development
Efrem Swartz, LLB	Director, Legislation, Ethics & Compliance
Alicia Tan, CPA, CMA	Director, Finance
Heidi Yang, P.Eng., FEC, FGC (Hon.)	Chief Executive Officer

## **OPEN SESSION – CALL TO ORDER**

Mark Porter, P.Eng., StructEng., Board Chair called the Open Session to order at 11:00 a.m.

The Chair began the session by acknowledging the ancestral, traditional and unceded territories of the Coast Salish people and the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-waututh Nations on whose territory the meeting was held. He informed all attendees that we share this Acknowledgment as a way of demonstrating our ongoing good intention on our journey towards Truth and Reconciliation and reminded all how important it is to continually educate ourselves about Indigenous Peoples, the Canadian Government, and the full history of these lands and waters.

The Chair then welcomed everyone to the Open Session.

Several guests joined the meeting as observers including Julius Pataky, P.Eng., FEC, Engineers and Geoscientists BC's representative to the Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board, Rishi Gupta, P.Eng., FEC, Engineers and Geoscientists BC's representative to the Canadian Engineering Qualifications Board, Antigone Dixon-Warren, P.Geo., PMP, FGC, Engineers and Geoscientists BC's representative to the Geoscientists Canada Board and Sany Zein, P.Eng., FEC, Engineers and Geoscientists BC's representative to the Vancouver Airport Authority Board. Claudio Arato, P.Eng., FEC, Chair of the Credentials Committee attended the meeting for Item 6.6 to deliver a presentation on the work of the Credentials Committee over the last year.

CO-25-32      OPEN AGENDA

**MOTION**      **It was moved that the Board approve the Open Agenda in its entirety, with the exception of Items 6.3 and 6.4 being transposed.**

**CARRIED**

## DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None declared.

## SAFETY MOMENT

Immediate Past Chair, Member Michelle Mahovlich, P.Eng., P.Geo., provided the Safety Moment for the meeting.

CO-25-33     OPEN CONSENT AGENDA

**MOTION**     It was moved that the Board approve all Items (5.1 – 5.3) on the Open Consent Agenda.

**CARRIED**

*Motions carried by approval of the Consent Agenda:*

5.1     November 29, 2024 Open Minutes

**MOTION:** That the Board approve the November 29, 2024 Open Meeting minutes as circulated.

5.2     Approval of the 105th Annual General Meeting Minutes

**MOTION:** That the Board approve the minutes of the 105th Annual General Meeting of Engineers and Geoscientists BC. circulated.

5.3     Key Performance Indicator Report

**For information.**

CO-25-34     ENGINEERS AND GEOSCIENTISTS BC'S UPDATED POSITION STATEMENT ON CLIMATE CHANGE

The Chair began the Open Regular Agenda by welcoming Harshan Radhakrishnan, P.Eng., FEC, SCR, Manager, Climate Change and Sustainability Initiatives and Virginie Brunetaud, P.Ag., CC-P, Climate Strategist to speak to this item. A presentation was delivered focusing on purpose, history and background, rationale for the update, highlights of key changes and next steps.

At the conclusion of the presentation the Chair asked the Board if there were any clarifying questions for the presenters. Once all questions were addressed, the following motion was carried:

**MOTION**     It was moved that the Board endorses Engineers and Geoscientists BC's updated Position Statement on Climate Change, subject to non-material changes during editorial and legal review.

**CARRIED**

CO-25-35     FORMAT OF THE 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Deesh Olychick, Director, Corporate Governance and Strategy spoke to this topic on behalf of the Governance Sub-Committee. She spoke to the key recommendations/considerations for 2025 AGM planning, consideration around timing of when the Annual Report is published and the due date for AGM motions.

**MOTION        It was moved that the Board approve the 2025 Annual General Meeting to be held in Vancouver, BC using a hybrid format on October 28, 2025, at 2:00 pm.**

**CARRIED**

CO-25-36     FY2025 Q2 FINANCIAL RESULTS

Alicia Tan, CPA, CMA, Director, Finance, spoke to this item and shared a brief presentation with the Board.

A discussion ensued and all questions were answered to the satisfaction of the Board. There was no motion associated with this item.

CO-25-37     2026 DRAFT BUDGET GUIDELINES

Jennifer Cho, Chief Financial and Administration Officer on behalf of the Finance, Audit & Risk Sub-Committee shared the 2026 Draft Budget Guidelines with the Board for consideration. At the conclusion of the presentation the floor was open for questions and the following motion put forward:

**MOTION        It was moved that the Board approve the FY2026 Budget Guidelines, as presented.**

**CARRIED**

CO-25-38     STRATEGIC PLAN – YEAR 3 UPDATE

Heidi Yang, P.Eng., FEC, FGC (Hon.), Chief Executive Officer provided an overview of the Year 3 Organizational Plan, Year 3 progress updates, the overall strategic plan and shared the Executive team's insights/learnings on the Organization's strategic plan journey.

The floor was then open for questions. This was for information only.

CO-25-39     ANNUAL UPDATE FROM CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Claudio Arato, P.Eng., FEC, Chair of the Credentials Committee and Jason Ong, Director, Registration shared a high-level presentation with the Board providing an overview of the purpose and responsibilities of the Credentials Committee, organizational overview, challenging cases and application volumes over the last year as well as current opportunities and challenges.

This was for information only.

CO-25-40     CEO REPORT (OPEN)

Heidi Yang, P.Eng., FEC, FGC (Hon.), briefed the Board on the contents of the CEO Report which highlights some of the activities of the organization related to policy work, implementation of the Strategic Plan and ongoing regulatory duties since the November 29, 2024 meeting of the Board. After the briefing, Mrs. Yang opened the floor for questions.

**END OF OPEN SESSION**

The meeting ended at 02:05 p.m.