

Students Nova Scotia	Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
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Meeting Name:	Board Meeting
Meeting Date:	May 13, 2023
Meeting Time:	2 PM
Venue:	Zoom
City:	Halifax

Attendees	
Primary Delegates	ASU : Benjamin Morris CBUSU: Gideon Otobhi ST. FX: Matt Doyle SMUSA: Anubhav Gupta
Secondary Delegates	ASU : Sadie McAlear CBUSU: Sahilpreet Singh Chatha ST. FX: Sophia Fabiano SMUSA: Shiray Tan
Other	Chair: Ben Fairhurst Vice-Chair: - Executive Director: Georgia Saleski Outgoing Executive Director: Lydia Houck Policy and Research Officer: Brendan Roberts



StudentsNS Board Meeting

May 13, 2023, 2pm ADT

Conference Call

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8241633372>

PROCEDURAL ITEMS (0:00)

Roll Call

- Acadia Students' Union
- Cape Breton University Students' Union
- St. Francis Xavier University Students' Union
- St. Mary's University Students' Association

Call to Order : 2:25 PM ADT

Approval of the Agenda Vote: Passed Moved: STFXSU Seconded: CBUSU

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL

1) Appointment of Chair

- a) **Overview:** Executive Director
- b) **Approval Items:**

Be it resolved that Ben Fairhurst be appointed Chair for the duration of this meeting.

- c) **Reference Items:**

- d) **Vote:** Passed Moved: ASU Seconded: CBUSU

2) Approval of Minutes

- a) **Overview:**
- b) **Approval Items:**

Be it resolved that the Board approve the minutes of the April 18 Board meeting.

- c) **Reference Items:** April 18 Minutes

- d) **Vote:** Passed Moved: ASU Seconded: CBUSU

3) Board Elections

- a) **Overview:** Executive Director

b) **Approval Items:**

Be it resolved the Board elect _____ as Chair for the 2022-23 year.

Call for nominations from the floor x3.

Matt Doyle (STFXSU) nominates Sahilpreet Singh Chatha (CBUSU). Sahil accepts the nomination.
Sophia Fabiano (STFXSU) nominates Matt Doyle (STFXSU). Matt accepts the nomination.

Each candidate had 2 minutes to introduce; 1 minute to answer each question.

- 1. Why do you want to become Chair, and what would you bring to the role?*
- 2. As a spokesperson, an important component of the chair role is engaging with stakeholders and media. What skills would you bring to this work, and how would you ensure you are engaging and communicating effectively?*
- 3. As a Chair, you are responsible for ensuring the perspectives of all Board members are reflected in our advocacy, while yourself remaining a neutral presence. How would you maintain impartiality as Chair while ensuring the stances taken by StudentsNS represent all of our members?*
- 4. How would you describe your leadership style, and how do you plan to run an inclusive and effective Board?*

Questions from the floor: Shiray (SMUSA), Sadie (ASU), Shiray (SMUSA)

Vote by private ballot, sent to the Chair. The Board elected Matt Doyle as Chair.

Be it resolved the Board elect Matt Doyle as Chair for the 2023-24 year.

- Motion to amend to add Matt Doyle's name in Blank: M | ASU S | CBUSU
- Vote on amended motion: M/S/Voted

Be it resolved the Board elect _____ as Vice Chair for the 2023-24 year.

Call for nominations from the floor x3.

Matt Doyle (STFXSU) nominates Sahilpreet Singh Chatha (CBUSU).
Shiray Tan (SMUSA) nominates Sadie McAlear (ASU).

Each candidate had 2 minutes to introduce; 1 minute to answer each question.

5. *Why do you want to become Chair, and what would you bring to the role?*
6. *As a spokesperson, an important component of the chair role is engaging with stakeholders and media. What skills would you bring to this work, and how would you ensure you are engaging and communicating effectively?*
7. *As a Chair, you are responsible for ensuring the perspectives of all Board members are reflected in our advocacy, while yourself remaining a neutral presence. How would you maintain impartiality as Chair while ensuring the stances taken by StudentsNS represent all of our members?*
8. *How would you describe your leadership style, and how do you plan to run an inclusive and effective Board?*

Questions from the floor?

Shiray (SMUSA), Sadie (ASU), Shiray (SMUSA)

Vote by private ballot, sent to the Chair. The Board elected Sadie McAlear as Vice-Chair.

1. *Why do you want to become Vice-Chair, and what would you bring to the role?*
2. *The Vice-Chair works closely with both the Chair and Executive Director on various projects and priorities, and is expected to step into the Chair role should the Chair be unavailable. How would you plan to support the Chair and ED in the upcoming year?*
3. *In addition to working alongside the Chair and Executive Director, the Vice-Chair provides support in various administrative domains, including financial accountability, record keeping and organization. What experience do you have within these areas and what strategies would you use for organizing your objectives?*

Questions from the floor?

Shiray (SMUSA), Sophia (STFXSU)

Vote by private ballot, sent to the Chair. The Board elected Sadie McAlear as Vice-Chair.

Be it resolved the Board elect Sadie McAlear as Vice-Chair for the 2023-24 year.

- Motion to amend to add Sadie McAlear's name in Blank: M | SMUSA S | CBUSU
- Vote on amended motion: M | STFXSU S | CBUSU

c) **Reference Items:**

d) **Vote:** Moved: Seconded:

5) Committee Chairs

a) **Overview:** Executive Director

b) **Approval Items:**

Be it resolved the Board elect _____ as Chair of the Membership Committee for the 2022-2023 year.

Shiray Tan (SMUSA) nominates Sophia Fabiano (STFXSU) as Chair of the Membership Committee. Sophia accepts.

Motion to amend motion to add Sophia's name in the blank, vote on amended motion
M | SMUSA S | CBUSU

Be it resolved the Board elect _____ as Chair of the Policy Committee for the 2022-2023 year.

Sahilpreet (CBUSU) nominates Gideon Asaro Otobhi (CBUSU) as Policy Committee Chair; Gideon accepts.

Motion to amend motion to add Gideon's name in the blank, vote on amended motion
M | STFXSU S | SMUSA

Be it resolved the Board elect _____ as Chair of the Governance Committee for the 2022-2023 year.

Sophia Fabiano (STFXSU) self-nominates as Chair of the Governance Committee.

Motion to amend motion to add Sophia's name in the blank, vote on amended motion
M | CBUSU S | SMUSA

c) **Reference Items:** Governing Policies

d) **Vote:** Moved: Seconded:

6) Signing Authorities

a) Overview: Executive Director

b) Approval Items:

Be it resolved that the Board appoint _____ as signing authorities for the 2023-2024 year.

Motion to add Shiray Tan, Matt Doyle and Sadie McAlear into the blank, vote on amended motion

M | SMUSA S | CBUSU

c) Reference Items:

Vote: Moved: Seconded:

REPORTS

1) Reports of the Officers

- a) Chair
- b) Vice Chair

2) Campus Reports

- a) Acadia Student's Union
- b) Cape Breton University Students' Union
- c) St. Francis Xavier University Student's Union
- d) St. Mary's University Students' Association

3) Committee Reports

- a) Governance Committee
- b) Membership Committee
- c) Policy Committee

4) Staff

- a) Chair
- b) Vice Chair

OTHER BUSINESS

Summer Board Meeting Time

- a) Overview:** Executive Director
- b) Approval Items:**
- c) Reference Items:** Summer Board Meeting Doodle

<https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/bkR3QVxa>

d) **Vote:** Moved: Seconded:

ADJOURNMENT: 4:47 PM ADT

Passed by Unanimous Consent