

Gaelic College Foundation

Board of Governors

May 15, 2025

A meeting of the Gaelic College Foundation Board of Governors was held on May 15, 2025, in St. Ann's.

In attendance: Susan Cameron, Stephanie MacPherson, Fraser Patterson, Todd Higgins, Lisa MacDougall, Joanne MacIntyre, President Rodney MacDonald and Recording Secretary Jennifer Daisley.

The meeting was called to order at 4pm by Chair Todd Higgins.

Minutes of the last meeting were distributed and reviewed. It was moved by Susan Cameron, seconded by Stephanie MacPherson, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Education Committee: Susan Cameron presented a report from Colin MacDonald, Gaelic Director. There was discussion regarding the university courses offered at Beinn Mhabu and the challenges going forward. Fall of 2025 will have first and third year students with no second year being offered. There was discussion regarding the new student residence being constructed at the Mabou site. It will be a modular building constructed by DJ MacLean & Sons.

Nominating Committee: The committee consists of Todd Higgins and Rodney MacDonald. They will have an initial meeting in the next couple of weeks.

Honourary Members: The committee members for last nominations were Ernie MacAulay, Susan Cameron, Jennifer Daisley and Rodney MacDonald. Todd Higgins volunteered to join in Ernie's place.

Financial Report: President Rodney MacDonald presented the income statement to February 28, 2025. It was moved by Susan Cameron, seconded by Stephanie MacPherson, to approve the financial statements. Motion carried.

The 2025-2026 budget was presented by Rodney as well. It was moved by Lisa MacDougall, seconded by Stephanie MacPherson, to approve the budget as presented. Motion carried.

The President advised that he will begin work on a five year strategic plan and will be meeting with staff at both sites for input. He hopes to have a preliminary draft to discuss at next board meeting.

As there was no new business, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Lisa MacDougall, seconded by Stephanie MacPherson.

