Minutes

Annual Meeting of the Society

HSNS Board of Directors
June 26, 2025
Fiscal Year April 2024 – March 31, 2025
In person (Collaborative Health Education Building, Room 311 – 5793 University Ave)

Timeline:

5:15-5:20 Call to order
5:20-6:00 Dinner
6:00-6:30 Annual Board Meeting (starting with Auditor's presentation)
6:30-7:30 Regular board meeting

Board of Directors

Bhangale, Chirag	P	Kiefte, Michael	P	Rizzetto, Maria (Vice Chair)	P
Frost, Jon	V	Kujath, Magdalena	P	Sullivan, Vickie	P
Grant, John	P	Landy, Mark (Chair)	P	Vossen, Emma	R
Haley, Matthew (Sec-Treasurer)	P	MacLean, Matthew	P	Mason-Browne, Anne (CEO)	P
Kaur, Anuroop	P	Noronha, Adline	R	Leslie, Kimberlee (Exec. Assistant)	P

Guests:

- Mr. R. Kolanko, Director of Finance and Operations (P)
- Dr. Greg Noel, Director of Adult and Mi'kmaq Hearing and Speech Services (P)
- Dr. Sharon Walker, Director of Pediatric and Autism Hearing and Speech Services (R)
- Ms. Ferne Mardlin-Smith (Patient Advisor to the Board) (P)
- Ms. Courtney Douglas (Patient Advisor to the Board) (P)
- Ms. Erin Lamond, Manager
- Dr. Rebecca Affoo (P)
- Mr. Graham Sweett, Auditor, Lyle Tilley Davidson

Present: (P) Videoconference: (V) Regrets: (R) Absent: (A)

5:15	**1. Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 5:17 pm by the Chair. Mr. Landy welcomed all assembled. Dr. Kiefte introduced Dr. Affoo, who will serve as Acting Director of the School of Communication Sciences & Disorders, while Dr. Kiefte is on leave. She will also represent the School of Communication Sciences and Disorders on the Board.
5:20	**Dinner**
5:55	**2. Consent Agenda** a. Board meeting agenda b. Previous (2024) Annual Meeting minutes MOTION: THAT the Board of Directors approve the consent agenda

	Motion moved and seconded. Motion carried.
6:00	**3. Presentation of Audited Statement for 2024-25, by Mr. Graham Sweett of Lyle Tilley Davidson** Mr. Graham Sweett provided an overview presentation of the auditor's report on the audited financial statements for the year ending March 31, 2025. Q: In note 16, is the lease included? A: The lease is not active yet. Q: Why was the retro pay included as under Administrative? A: HSNS received retro pay as a large sum payment but the expense is not coded into the separate departments.
6:15	**4. Approval of the Audited Financial Statement for 2024-25** MOTION: that the Audited Financial Statement for 2024-25 be approved as presented by Mr. Graham Sweett of Lyle Tilley Davidson. Motion moved. Motion carried. *The Board Chair and Secretary-Treasurer signed the audited statements.* *At this point, Mr. Graham Sweett left the meeting.*
6:20	**5. Report of the Nominating Committee** Ms. Rizzetto provided the following list of amendments to the Nominating Annual Report: • Change the date for New Directors to serve from 2024-25 to 2025-26 • Under Finance & Investment: add Mr. Landy as ex-officio • Under Strategic Planning Committee: add Dr. Affoo **ACTION**: Ms. Leslie will revise the Nominating Annual Report 2025-26 based on the listed amendments. Ms. Rizzetto informed the Board that there is one resignation, Ms. Noronha. Ms. Rizzetto provided a brief introduction of the three new Board members: • Ms. Lori Lowi • Ms. Nardeen Nakhla • Ms. Miranda Bernard 5.1 Slate of Directors for 2025-26 The following names were submitted to serve as directors for 2025-26 (see Nominating Committee Annual Report): • Bernard, Miranda • Bhangale, Chirag • Frost, Jon • Grant, John • Haley, Matthew

	• Kaur, Anuroop • Kujath, Magdalena • Landy, Mark • Lowe, Lori • MacLean, Matthew • Nakhla, Nardeen • Rizzetto, Maria • Sullivan, Vickie • Vossen, Emma MOTION: that the Board of Directors approve the proposed Slate of Directors for 2025-26 as submitted. Motion moved. Motion carried. 5.2 Nominating Committee for 2025-26 MOTION: that the Board of Directors approve the appointment of the Nominating Committee for 2025-26 as submitted: • Chair: Maria Rizzetto • Member: Anuroop Kaur • Member: Matthew MacLean • Staff/ex-officio: Anne Mason-Browne
6:30	**6. Adjournment** MOTION: that the Board of Directors move to adjourn the Annual Meeting of the Society. Motion moved and seconded. Motion carried. The Annual Meeting of the Society adjourned at 6:29 pm.

Board of Directors will now move into the regular Board meeting.