

**Conseil d'administration  
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# SSMU BOARD OF DIRECTORS PUBLIC MINUTES

September 16, 2025

The Board of Directors meeting of the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) will be held by teleconference and in the SSMU Boardroom on Tuesday, September 16 at 18:00.

Present: Yasmin Beeai (Deputy Speaker, non-voting), Dymetri Taylor (Director), Susan Aloudat (Director), Seraphina Crema Black (Director), Hamza Abu Alkhair (Director), Pauline Jolicoeur (Director), Rajan Duncan (Director), Rishi Kalaga (Director), Annette Yu (Director), Joshua Chin (Alumni Representative, non-voting), Maxime Rouhan (International Student Representative, non-voting), Simone Brown (Policy and Advocacy Coordinator, non-voting), Harry Wang (Parliamentarian, Non-voting), Acadia Knickerbocker (Speaker, Non-voting).

Late: Fawaz Halloum (Director), Keith Baybayon (Director).

1. Call to Order: **18:09**

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 18:09.

2. Land Acknowledgement

*The SSMU acknowledges that McGill University is situated on the traditional and unceded territory of the Anishinaabeg and Haudenosaunee nations. The SSMU recognizes and respects these nations as the true and constant custodians of the lands and waters on which we meet today. Further, the SSMU commits to and respects the traditional laws and customs of these territories.*

*L'AÉUM reconnaît que l'Université McGill est située sur le territoire traditionnel et non cédé des nations Anishinaabeg et Haudenosaunee. L'AÉUM reconnaît et respecte ces nations comme les véritables et constants gardiens des terres et des eaux sur lesquelles nous nous rencontrons aujourd'hui. En outre, l'AÉUM s'engage à respecter les lois et coutumes traditionnelles de ces territoires.*

The Chair presents the Land Acknowledgement.

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3. Attendance

The Chair takes attendance.

4. Adoption of the Agenda – **ADOPTED**

The Agenda is distributed. The Chair asks if anyone wishes to make any amendments to the agenda.

Seeing none, the Chair asks if there are any opposed to the adoption of the Agenda.

Seeing no further changes or opposition, the Agenda is adopted.

5. Minutes for Approval

- a. SSMU Board of Directors Public Minutes 2025-08-12 – **POSTPONED**
- b. [SSMU Board of Directors Public Minutes 2025-08-29](#) – **POSTPONED**

6. Presentations

- a. [Fiduciary Duty & Ethics Presentation](#) (Internal Counsel & Corporate Secretary) - **POSTPONED**

7. Executive Committee Public Report 2025-09-16 – **POSTPONED**

8. Announcements

- a. Resignation of Director Seiler (Director Taylor)
- b. Resignation of Officer Zahida (Director Taylor)

Director Taylor speaks on announcements 8a and 8b together as they both relate to similar topics. He announces that Director Seiler and Officer Zahida have both officially resigned from their positions on the Board of Directors.

The Chair asks if there are any questions or comments regarding Director Taylor's announcements.

Seeing none, the announcements conclude.

9. Motions for Approval

- a. [Board of Directors Standing Rules 2025-26](#) - **APPROVED**

Director Taylor presents this year's Standing Rules as prepared by the Secretariat. He explains these are rules that govern meetings and that there aren't substantial changes from the year before.

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The Chair opens the floor to questions on motions 9a.

Seeing none, the Chair opens the floor to any point, motion, comments, or debate on the motion.

Seeing none, the Chair asks if there is any opposition to the passing of motion 9a.

Seeing no opposition, the motion passes unanimously.

- b. Motion for disallowance for the Legislative Council motion “Motion to appoint Councillor Lai to the Board of Directors,” due to the fact that the candidate is ineligible for the position (Director Taylor) - **APPROVED**

Director Taylor reminds the Board that motions for disallowance are a new process, whereby, rather than having affirmative ratification of every motion from Legislative Council, instead motions have a short timespan where the Board can consider them for disallowance and send it back to Legislative Council. This was added to the agenda as unfortunately Councillor Lai is not eligible to join the Board of Directors as they just started their second year but have not completed the 18 month minimum required by McGill under our MOA.

The Chair opens the floor to questions on motions 9b.

Seeing none, the Chair opens the floor to any point, motion, comments, or debate on the motion.

Director Aloudat states that Councilor Lai would have been an excellent Board member and that she has been great to date on Senate Caucus over the summer, so she recommends Councilor Lai in the future.

Seeing none further wishing to speak, the Chair asks if there is any opposition to the passing of motion 9b.

Seeing no opposition, the motion passes unanimously.

- c. Motion to approve the [Building Protocols](#) for the University Centre (Director Taylor) - **APPROVED**

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Director Taylor explains that Protocols are a new type of governing document that are principally to respond to every day functioning of the society, mostly to do with full time staff. They can be approved by the Executive Committee and the Board. This one is a standard operating protocol for building operation, created principally by the Building Director and HR Manager, about the building's usage, access rights, spaces, waste management, etc.

The Chair opens the floor to questions on motions 9a.

Seeing none, the Chair opens the floor to any points, motions, comments, or debate on the motion.

Seeing none, the Chair asks if there is any opposition to the passing of motion 9a.

Seeing no opposition, the motion passes unanimously.

10. Confidential Session: **18:24**

a. There is a Confidential Session this evening

11. Adjournment: **20:00**

The Chair adjourns the meeting at 20:00.