

HIGHER EDUCATION QUALITY COUNCIL OF ONTARIO

MINUTES

BOARD MEETING BY TELECONFERENCE

February 20, 2018
3:30 pm

Council members present:

Mayer, Denis
Herbert, Sue

Regrets:

Lang, Pat

President and Secretary to the Board:

Weingarten, Harvey P.

Staff supporting the Council:

Hicks, Martin, Executive Director, Data & Statistics
Macri, Diana, Chief Administrative Officer
Permato, Ellen, Executive Assistant and Recording Secretary
Ross, Matt, Manager of Communications

1. **Call to order**
Denis Mayer, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m. and established that a quorum of Council members was present.
2. **Approval of meeting agenda**
Approved unanimously.
3. **Minutes of the meeting of August 17, 2017**
Motion:
 1. That the Board approve the minutes of Board meeting of January 23, 2018.

Moved by Denis Mayer; seconded by Sue Herbert.
Approved unanimously.
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- 4.1 **President's update**
The President & CEO will send the members invitations to:
 - HEQCO's annual conference *Access in Practice – Putting great ideas to work* which will take place in Toronto on April 4-5, 2018.

- Launch of the book *Assessing Academic Quality: International Perspectives* sometime in early spring.*

Reports on two projects will be released in September 2018:

- *Essential Adult Skills Initiative (EASI)*.*
- *Postsecondary and Workplace Skills (PAWS)* project. PAWS analyzed critical thinking skills developed during PSE and assessed students' labour market outcomes.

Queen's University is doing exemplary work on measuring skill development as one of the six active partner institutions in HEQCO's *Learning Outcomes Assessment Consortium (LOAC)* project. As a result of this collaboration, Queen's University will sponsor the "Principal's Distinguished Speaker on the Enhancement of Learning" on February 28, 2018.

**Reported at the last Board meeting.*

5.1 Bill 177, Stronger, Fairer Ontario Act (Budget Measures), 2017

The CAO noted that this an omnibus Bill that contains small amendments to the HEQCO Act, 2005. One important change was the timing of the public release of HEQCO's Annual Report. Instead of waiting for it to be tabled in the legislature, the report can now be released to the public as soon it has been submitted to the Minister. Another amendment involved updating the name of the Ministry.

6.1 Executive Session (In camera, Board members only)

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:07 pm.