

DISMISSAL OF A BOARD MEMBER

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| Primary Contact | Board of Governors |
| Related Policy / Legislation | UFV Statement on Institutional Ethics (22) <i>University Act, s. 22(1.1) and (2), 24</i> |

PURPOSE/PHILOSOPHY

Membership on the Governing Board of the University of the Fraser Valley is a position of trust and commitment. It is the responsibility of the Board and each of its members to ensure that all members comply with the highest standards of ethical behaviour and contribute to the Board's efforts in serving the university and its communities.

DEFENITIONS

Regular Board meetings: Any meeting of the Board where the complete group is required to gather in person or via videoconference, teleconference, or by electronic vote, and quorum exists.

Year: The 12-month period starting August 1 of one year through to July 31 of the next year.

BYLAW

Unless excused by a Board resolution, the Board deems a member who does not attend at least half of the regular Board meetings in any year to have vacated their seat. The University Secretary tracks attendance at Board meetings and alerts the Chair if a member's attendance record is at risk of failing to meet the required threshold.

In the case where a member's attendance is not expected to meet the minimum threshold, the Board Chair initiates a discussion with that member about continuing to serve. After this discussion, the Board Chair may ask the Board at the next regular meeting to consider the question of whether to pass a resolution excusing their attendance record and allowing them to continue. If the Board considers such a resolution, it offers the member in question an opportunity to speak prior to a Board vote.

Further, a special resolution of the Board may be put to a regular in-camera or a special in-camera meeting, recommending that a member's appointment be rescinded or that an elected person be dismissed from the Board if the member does not comply with the Board's Bylaws, Policies, and the Institutional Ethics Policy.

In this case, the Board gives the member who is the subject of the proposed resolution an opportunity to speak at the meeting when the special resolution is put to a vote. The vote requires a 2/3 majority to pass. The Board provides a notice of motion for a vote on the special resolution a minimum of 14 days in advance.

If it is the decision of the Board that the member be removed, the Secretary of the Board declares a vacancy in the minutes of the Board and forwards the special resolution to the Lieutenant Governor in Council.
