

# York University Board of Governors

## Synopsis

492<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 1 December 2025

This being the President's final meeting, the Chair of the Board acknowledged Dr. Lenton's many accomplishments and leadership in guiding transformative change across the institution. During her term, the University saw, among others, the launch of the Markham Campus, the creation of York's new School of Medicine, and the development of York's first Decolonizing, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy. Dr Lenton shared that she felt privileged to have served as York's President and conveyed her gratitude to the Board for its support of her and the University.

### **Appointment / Re-Appointment**

Re-appointment of Sham Madhok to the Board of Governors for a second four-year term commencing 1 January 2026.

David Peters as Dean, School of Medicine commencing 1 January 2026 and the extension of his term as Dean, Faculty of Health, with both terms ending 30 September 2028.

### **Approvals**

Discussion of the Presidential Search Principles and consensus not to move forward with proposed amendments.

Endorsement of the York University's Efficiency and Accountability Fund Review Implementation Plan; and approval of the Board of Governors' feedback letter to accompany the Efficiency and Accountability Fund Report and Implementation Plan to the Ministry of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security.

Project budget of \$14.5 million, inclusive of HST, for the renovation of the Victor Philip Dahdaleh Building on the Keele Campus to provide an interim facility for the York University School of Medicine, and thereafter to serve other areas of enrolment growth.

Renovation plan of the Victor Philip Dahdaleh Building on the Keele Campus, to provide an interim facility for the York University School of Medicine, and thereafter to serve other areas of enrolment growth.

Naming of the plaza in the area adjacent to Vari Hall and Harry Arthur Commons on the University's Keele Campus as "The Rhonda L. Lenton Plaza".

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Paul Tsaparis as an Honorary Governor to the Board of Governors.

Updates to the Board of Governors Terms of Reference.

The Board of Governors Code of Conduct, and the amended Conflicts of Interest Policy.

Data Governance Policy to be effective January 1, 2026.

The President's November 2025 Report on Appointments, Tenure and Promotion.

### The 2026-2027 Meal Plan Rates

Meal Plans	2025-26	2026-27	\$ Increase*	% Increase
Entry	\$5,650	\$6,450	\$800	14%
Standard	\$6,300	\$7,180	\$880	14%
Premium	\$6,950	\$7,930	\$980	14%
Convenience**	\$3,800	\$4,330	\$530	14%

\* To simplify pricing, rate changes have been rounded to the nearest \$5 increment.

\*\* Optional meal plan for suite style accommodation students.

### The 2026 – 2027 Residence Rates

#### A. Undergraduate Residences

The 2026-27 undergraduate residences average across the board rate increases:

Academic Year (8 Months)				
Residence Style – per bed*	Average Rate 2025-26	Average Rate 2026-27	Increase in \$	Increase in %
Dormitory Double	\$8,998	\$9,342	\$344	3.8%
Dormitory Double Semi-Private	\$9,132	\$9,595	\$463	5.1%
Dormitory Single	\$10,430	\$10,989	\$559	5.4%
Dormitory Single Semi-Private and Private	\$11,716	\$12,438	\$722	6.4%
Suite Double	\$10,713	\$11,672	\$959	9.0%
Suite Single (excludes Pond Residence)	\$11,231	\$12,653	\$1,423	12.7%
Suite Pond Residence	\$12,776	\$13,676	\$900	7.0%

Academic Year (Per Month)				
Residence Style – per bed*	Average Rate 2025-26	Average Rate 2026-27	Increase in \$	Increase in %
Dormitory Double	\$1,125	\$1,168	\$43	3.8%

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Dormitory Double Semi-Private	\$1,142	\$1,199	\$58	5.1%
Dormitory Single	\$1,304	\$1,374	\$70	5.4%
Dormitory Single Semi-Private and Private	\$1,465	\$1,555	\$90	6.4%
Suite Double	\$1,339	\$1,459	\$120	9.0%
Suite Single (excludes Pond Residence)	\$1,404	\$1,582	\$178	12.7%
Suite Pond Residence	\$1,597	\$1,710	\$113	7.0%

### B. York Apartments

The 2026-27 York Apartments average across the board rental rate increases on new leases:

Per Month				
Apartment Type	Average price 2025-26	Average price 2026-27	Increase in \$	Increase in %
Bachelor	\$1,548	\$1,611	\$64	4.1%
One-Bedroom	\$1,865	\$1,941	\$76	4.1%
Two-Bedroom	\$2,449	\$2,548	\$100	4.1%

The 2026-27 York Apartments average across the board rental rate increases are:

- 2.1% increase for all units with continuing leases, to reflect the allowable increase established by the Ontario Rent Increase Guidelines (ORIG) for January 2026.
- 4.1% increase on average for all units with new leases effective May 1, 2026.

Agreements with Fisher Scientific, Life Technologies, Millipore Sigma, Agilent Technologies Canada and VWR International Co. for the provision of laboratory supplies and equipment.

Amendments to the Banking Resolution to reflect changes in signing officers on University bank accounts.

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### **Presentations**

From the President updates on the strategic planning framework and transition to UAP 2025–2030, federal and provincial funding, AI initiatives and COU Task Force, and key priorities for 2025–26. Other updates covered the budget progress and Efficiency and Accountability Fund recommendations, major initiatives like YSpace, Co-op Centre, and School of Medicine, and academic innovation activities.

### **Remarks and Reports**

Brief reports from each of the Executive, Academic Resources, Finance and Audit, Governance, People and Culture, and Land and Property committees on matters discussed in their meetings this Board cycle.

Remarks from the Chair of the Board expressing thanks and appreciation to Loretta Lam for her many contributions to the Board of Governors whose term is ending, this being her final meeting.

The agenda for the meeting is posted on the Board of Governors website:  
<https://www.yorku.ca/secretariat/wp-content/uploads/sites/107/2025/11/board-agenda-20251201.pdf>

Sarah Willey-Thomas, University Secretary