



Annual General Meeting – July 6, 2021 Report from the Governance Committee (2020-21)

The Governance Committee helps the Board fulfill its responsibilities by ensuring the highest level of governance for Nova Scotia Health. The committee makes recommendations and provides oversight in the areas of governance policy and procedures, membership, board effectiveness, leadership, and board education and development. The committee monitors best practices in health sector governance and recommends actions to the Board as appropriate.

Examples of the work of the Governance Committee during the year included:

- Continued to monitor and provide oversight to board governance processes and practices ensuring alignment with health sector best practices
- Developed the Board and committee schedule and annual work plan, including ongoing educational opportunities to support directors in their role
- Oversaw the onboarding of new directors ensuring that the appropriate education, tools, and resources were available to support them throughout their orientation
- Oversaw the Board and committee evaluation process including the annual board performance and development survey and implementation of required improvement plans
- Supported directors in completing the required board skills and competency matrix and shared identified gaps with the Minister for consideration in future board appointments
- Initiated a review and renewal of the Medical Staff Bylaws
- Provided support and oversight to the Board in meeting governance standards for Accreditation Canada
- Reviewed committee structures and operations to support the Board's work
- Initiated conversations around the Board's role and requirements for effective digital health governance oversight.

Committee Membership during 2020-21:

Frank van Schaayk (Chair), Stephen Augustine, Paul Comeau, Beryl MacDonald, Mark Surette, Dr. Brendan Carr, President & CEO (ex-officio, non-voting)

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Davidson, Chair, Governance Committee