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The following items arise from the Nominating, Governance, and Ethics (NGE) Committee meeting of May 10, 2021. They are presented to the Board of Governors for consideration.

I. FOR APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**1. Report of the Recruitment and Succession Planning Subcommittee** [NG20-26]**1.1 Appointment of Chancellor Emeritus of McGill University**

The NGE Committee received the Report of the Recruitment and Succession Planning Subcommittee, which recommended the appointment of the Honourable Michael A. Meighen to the rank of Chancellor Emeritus, effective, July 1, 2021. Following review, the Committee recommended that the Board of Governors approve the appointment.

The Honourable Michael A. Meighen has been serving as McGill University's Chancellor since July 1, 2014. His second term as Chancellor will end on June 30, 2021.

Dr. Michael A. Meighen is among the most accomplished alumni ever to receive a degree from McGill University. In his career as a lawyer, politician and philanthropist, he has consistently provided an image of principled dedication and achievement. His contributions to society-at-large were recognized by honorary degrees, which he received from McGill University, the University of New Brunswick and Mount Allison University. (Profile attached as Appendix A)

In consideration of the Chancellor's dedication and service to the McGill community, it is proposed that The Honourable Michael A. Meighen be appointed to the rank of Chancellor Emeritus.

This title of Chancellor Emeritus was granted to Dr. H. Arnold Steinberg in 2014, to Dr. Richard W. Pound in 2009, to Mr A. Jean de Grandpré in 2007, and to Dr. Greta Chambers in 2001.

Recommendation:

Be it resolved that the Board of Governors on the recommendation of the Nominating, Governance, and Ethics Committee, approve the appointment of the Honourable Michael A. Meighen to the rank of Chancellor Emeritus, effective, July 1, 2021.

2. Board Standing Committees

[NG20-28]

The NGE Committee reviewed the status of appointments on all Board Standing Committees and recommends the appointments and reappointments noted below.

Be it resolved that the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Nominating, Governance and Ethics Committee, approve the following:

[With respect to the Audit and Risk Committee]:

- *The reappointment of **Mr. Francois Laurin** as a member of the Audit and Risk Committee for a further one-year term commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.*

[With respect to the Building and Property Committee]:

- *The appointment of **Mr. Jonathan Sigler** as Vice-Chair of the Building and Property Committee commencing immediately and ending June 30, 2023.*
- *The reappointment of **Mr. Rod Louisa** as a student member of the Building and Property Committee for a term commencing June 1, 2021 and ending May 31, 2022.*

[With respect to the Committee to Advise on Matters of Social Responsibility]:

- *The appointment of **Mr. Darshan Daryanani** as a student member of the Committee to Advise on Matters of Social Responsibility for a one-year term commencing June 1, 2021 and ending May 31, 2022.*

[With respect to the Executive Committee]:

- *The reappointment of **Mr. Rod Louisa** as a student member of the Executive Committee for a term commencing June 1, 2021 and ending May 31, 2022.*

[With respect to the Finance Committee]:

- *The appointment of **Ms. Kristi Kouchakji**, as a student observer on the Finance Committee for a term commencing June 1, 2021 and ending May 31, 2022.*

[With respect to the Information Technology (IT) Committee]:

- *The appointment of **Ms. Kristi Kouchakji**, as a student member of the Information Technology (IT) Committee for a term commencing June 1, 2021 and ending May 31, 2022.*

[With respect to the Nominating, Governance and Ethics Committee]:

- *The appointment of **Mr. Nikulas Dworek**, as a student member of the Nominating, Governance and Ethics Committee for a term commencing June 1, 2021 and ending May 31, 2022.*

[With respect to the Sustainability Committee]:

- *The appointment of **Mr. Nikulas Dworek**, as a student member of the Sustainability Committee for a term commencing June 1, 2021 and ending May 31, 2022.*

2. Advisory Committees

[NG20-29]

In accordance with the University Statutes, before recommending an appointment for the Office of Provost, Deputy Provost or Vice-Principal or for the appointment or reappointment for the office of a dean of a faculty, the Principal shall have consulted an advisory committee.

The NGE Committee recommends to the Board of Governors the following appointments of representatives of the Board of Governors to serve on Advisory Committees:

Be it resolved that the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Nominating, Governance, and Ethics, approve the following:

- *The appointments of **Mr. Bob Babinski, Ms. Cynthia Price Verreault, Ms. Inez Jabalpurwala and Mr. Fred Headon** as representatives of the Board of Governors on the Advisory Committee for the Possible Reappointment of the Vice-Principal (Communications and External Relations) and the appointments of **Mr. Sam Minzberg and Ms. Maryse Bertrand** as alternate members.*
- *The appointment of **Mr. Don Walcot** as a representative of the Board of Governors on the Advisory Committee for the Selection of the Trenholme Dean of Libraries.*
- *The appointments of **Mrs. Sally McDougall and Mr. David Lehberg** as representatives of the Board of Governors on the Advisory Committee for the Selection of the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and the appointment of **Ms. Manon Vennat and Mr. Arthur Lau** as alternate members.*

3. **Internal and External Non-Board Bodies** [NG20-30]

The NGE Committee reviewed the status of appointments on a number of internal and external non-Board bodies. Based on its review, the Committee recommends the following appointments noted below.

Be it resolved that the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Nominating, Governance and Ethics Committee, approve the following:

- *The appointment of **Professor Benoit Boulet** as a representative of the Board of Governors of McGill University on the Board of Directors of Aligo Innovation for a two-year term commencing June 1, 2021 and ending May 31, 2023. (Profile attached as Appendix A)*
- *The appointment of **Professor Benoit Boulet** as a representative of the Board of Governors of McGill University on the Board of Governors of Montreal InVivo for a two-year term commencing June 1, 2021 and ending May 31, 2023.*

II. **FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

1. **Follow-up on the NGE Committee Retreat** [NG20-27]

The Committee received a Follow-up Report on the NGE Committee Retreat. The report presented an overview of key action items based on the discussion at the NGE Committee Retreat held on March 29, 2021 and a summary of the members' feedback on the Retreat. The Secretariat and the RSP Subcommittee will review and present recommendations on key action items for the Committee's consideration later this year.

2. **Advisory Committee for the Selection of the Dean of the Schulich School of Music** [NG20-29]

The NGE Committee was informed that Professor Brenda Ravenscroft will not be seeking reappointment as Dean of the Schulich School of Music. As such, members approved by the Executive Committee at its meeting of March 25, 2021, to serve on the Advisory Committee for the Possible Reappointment of the Dean of the Schulich School of Music will serve on the Advisory Committee for Selection of the Dean of the Schulich School of Music. Mr. Stuart (Kip) Cobbett and Ms. Elizabeth will serve as representatives of the Board of Governors and Ms. Kathy Fazel as an alternate member.

3. **Appointments to Internal and External Bodies** [NG20-30]

The Committee approved the nominations of Professor Monzur Murshed, Associate Professor, Department of Medicine and Faculty of Dentistry and Dr. Alice Cherestes, Senior Faculty Lecturer; Director Freshman program, Faculty of Agricultural and

Environmental Sciences as representatives of McGill University on the Board of Directors of Vanier College for a term to be determined by the Quebec Ministry of Education.

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PROFILES:**THE HONOURABLE MICHAEL A. MEIGHEN**

The Honourable Michael A. Meighen, QC (BA'60, LLD'12) began his association with McGill as a student half a century ago, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in 1960. Raised in a family with a long history in both law and politics, he followed the path of his father and grandfather (Arthur Meighen, Canada's ninth Prime Minister). In 1963, he earned his LLL from Université Laval and began a distinguished law career, practising in both Ontario and Quebec.

His career reached one of its highest points in 1985, when he served as legal co-counsel to the Commission of Inquiry on War Criminals in Canada, under the direction of Chief Justice Jules Deschênes of the Quebec Superior Court. Dr. Meighen became active in politics in 1972 and was elected National President of the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada. Subsequent to his participation in the Deschênes Commission, he was appointed by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney to the Senate of Canada in September 1990 and remained there until his retirement in February 2012.

The same year as his Senate appointment, Dr. Meighen became Counsel at the law firm of Meighen Demers, which merged in 2001 with Ogilvy Renault. Today, he continues to practise alongside such figures as the Right Honourable Brian Mulroney and former Chief Justice of Quebec, Mr. Pierre A. Michaud. As well, he has served on the boards of numerous public companies and not-for-profit organizations.

Established by his father in 1969, Dr. Meighen is the present chair of the T.R. Meighen Family Foundation, and has used his position to direct more than \$31 million in philanthropic gifts to such organizations as the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, the Child Development Institute and the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research. There have been significant gifts to a number of universities and the Foundation also supports scholarships at the University of New Brunswick, the University of Western Ontario and, of course, McGill University.

Over the years, he has never forgotten his alma mater, and as a member of the Board of Governors he also chaired the McGill Fund Council and the Campaign Steering Committee. As co-chair of Campaign McGill: History in the Making, he encouraged alumni and friends to support the University, having set a remarkable example with a \$5-million gift to help launch the Campaign.

Michael Meighen is among the most accomplished alumni ever to receive a degree from McGill University. In his career as a lawyer, politician and philanthropist, he has consistently provided an image of principled dedication and achievement. His devotion to the public is exemplary – whether he is providing the framework for prosecuting war criminals, chairing Senate committees, or sitting on the boards of universities, arts organizations, charities and conservancies.

PROFILE:

Professor Benoit Boulet has been appointed Associate Vice-Principal, Innovation and Partnerships effective June 1, 2021. He is the Director of the McGill Engine Centre, which focuses on stimulating and supporting technologically-based innovation and entrepreneurship at the Faculty of Engineering. At the Faculty, he was also Associate Dean of Research and Innovation, as well as a former Director of the Centre for Intelligent Machines. He is a board member of Mila – Quebec AI Institute (originally Montreal Institute for Learning Algorithms), a Senior Member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, a registered Professional Engineer in the province of Quebec, and a former William Dawson Scholar (from 2004 to 2014).