



# Aurora College Board of Governors

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**Title:** Elder Representative, Board of Governors – Terms of Reference  
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## **Policy Statement**

The Elder Representative brings knowledge of Aboriginal traditions, learning and perspectives to the Board of Governors.

## **Purpose**

The Aurora College Board of Governors exercises its powers and performs its duties under the Aurora College Act (“the Act”) as delegated or directed by the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment to enable the College to fulfill its purpose, namely the delivery of adult and post-secondary education.

## **Membership**

The Elder Representative of the Board of Governors is appointed to the Member at Large position for up to a three (3) year term as per the prescribed manner in the Aurora College Act. A public member is eligible for a second consecutive appointment of up to three (3) years.

The Board of Governors puts forth a recommendation to the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment for the appointment of an individual who demonstrates the following attributes:

- Wise and knowledgeable in all aspects of culture
- Able to provide a connection to the past with their knowledge of traditional ways, teachings, stories and communities
- Values the role of culture and traditional knowledge in present day situations
- Able to provide traditional/cultural procedural guidance
- Approachable
- An active participant

## **Functions and Roles**

There is a need to enhance and integrate Aboriginal traditional values, knowledge and beliefs into Aurora College programs making them relevant and meaningful to our Northern students. The Board Elder plays a key role in this integration through their role as a Board Member providing guidance for senior leadership of the College.

Provide leadership and guidance on the implementation of the Indigenous Education Protocol for Colleges and Institutes.

The Board Elder may be asked to represent the Board at student functions and events across the NWT in addition to attending the regularly scheduled meetings and teleconferences of the Board and Board committees.

**Honouraria & Travel Compensation**

The Elder Representative is compensated in the same manner as Public Board Members for meetings and events. Honouraria will be arranged through the President's Office as and when required for the Elder Representative.

All travel for Board related meetings and events will be arranged for the Elder Representative by the President's Office and their travel claim will be prepared and processed by the President's Office in the same manner as all Board Members, following the processes and policies of Aurora College and the Government of the Northwest Territories.

**References**

Aurora College Act

Aurora College Policy & Program Manual

Financial Administration Act (FAM)

Government of the Northwest Territories Human Resource Manual (HRM)

Government of the Northwest Territories Code of Conduct