



Board of Governors | Property Committee

## Land Use & Operational Sustainability Committee

### MINUTES

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2025

12:31 PM to 1:00 PM

VIDEOCONFERENCE

Approved: May 26, 2025

**Chair** Ms. Miranda Lam

**Vice-Chair** Ms. Anthonia Ogundele

**Members In Attendance** Ms. Patricia French

Mr. Martin Nielsen

Dr. Melanie Stewart

Vice-President External Relations

Mr. Michael White

Associate Vice-President Campus & Community Planning

**Regrets** Mr. John Metras, Associate Vice-President Facilities

#### **Board Secretary**

Ms. Karen Hakkarainen

#### **Administration**

Dr. Gage Averill

Provost and Vice-President Academic, UBC Vancouver

Mr. Adam Charania

Vice-President Human Resources

Mr. Hubert Lai, K.C., University Counsel

Mr. Frank Laezza

Vice-President Finance & Operations

Dr. Rehan Sadiq

Provost and Vice-President Academic, UBC Okanagan

Ms. Julie Wagemakers

Executive Director, Office of the President

Committee Chair Miranda Lam called the March 3, 2025 Land Use & Operational Sustainability Committee meeting to order at 12:31 p.m. She respectfully acknowledged the ancestral and unceded territories of the Musqueam and the Syilx Okanagan Nation upon which UBC's campuses are located, as well as the other Indigenous lands on which UBC activities take place.

The Board Secretary reviewed attendance and confirmed quorum.

### **1. Approval of Agenda**

The Chair asked if Committee members had amendments to the open Agenda; none were requested.

The following resolution was moved, seconded, and **CARRIED**:

**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Land Use & Operational Sustainability Committee approves as circulated the Agenda for the March 3, 2025 meeting of the Land Use & Operational Sustainability Committee.**

The Chair asked if Committee members had any actual, potential or apparent conflicts of interest to declare with respect to any of the items on the Agenda. None were raised.

### **2. Approval of Minutes**

The Chair asked if members had noted any errors or omissions in the Minutes. None were raised.

The following resolution was moved, seconded, and **CARRIED**:

**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Land Use & Operational Sustainability Committee approves as circulated Minutes of the May 26, 2023 meeting of the Land Use & Operational Sustainability Committee.**

### **3. Proposed Updates to Residential Environmental Assessment Program (REAP Version 4.0)**

Responsible Executive: Dr. Melanie Stewart, Vice-President External Relations

The Committee received a high-level overview of proposed amendments to Residential Environmental Assessment Program (REAP) and next steps, as set out in the circulated briefing.

The Administration provided the following additional information in response to questions from the Committee:

- Buildings are subject to annual energy performance reviews and assessed against design performance targets; results to date have been positive. Any performance variances are captured in the Sustainability Report provided annually to the Board, and are addressed through ongoing assessment and amendment of the Residential Environmental Assessment Program.
- In the current version of REAP, credits are granted for provision of 72 hours of backup power for the entire building. Recognizing that this is a very expensive requirement, the proposed amendment would grant credits for provision of 72 hours of backup power in a smaller amenity space.
- The University works with UBC Properties Trust to ensure that projects achieve the highest level of sustainability possible while remaining financially feasible.

The question of operational costs associated with ongoing monitoring of REAP compliance was raised by a Committee member and was not addressed at the meeting.

A Committee member suggested that the Administration consider compiling an outcome assessment of the various elements comprising the Residential Environmental Assessment Program, perhaps with a view to sharing UBC's experience externally.

The Committee was advised that the final draft of REAP 4.0 would be presented to the Land Use & Operational Sustainability Committee in June 2025, with a request for referral to the Board of Governors' Property Committee for approval.

The open session adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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## **ACTION ITEMS**

None identified.