



BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

**Detailing the In-Person Board Meeting held June 4-5, 2026
And the Special Board Meeting held June 22, 2026**

In-Person Board Meeting – June 4-5, 2026

The Board of Directors met in Bromont, Quebec on June 5–6, 2026 for its first in-person meeting following the Annual General Meeting. The meeting focused on Board orientation, governance responsibilities, organizational priorities, and establishing the Board's workplan for the coming year.

Building a Strong Governance Foundation

Recognizing the importance of a common understanding of Equestrian Canada's operating environment, the Board dedicated a significant portion of the meeting to governance and organizational education.

Directors participated in presentations covering:

- the evolution of the relationship between Equestrian Canada and Provincial/Territorial Sport Organizations;
- the respective roles of the Board and management, fiduciary responsibilities, and governance best practices;
- the organization's strategic direction, federal responsibilities, current modernization initiatives, and long-term priorities.

These sessions provided Directors with a shared foundation as they begin their term and prepare to oversee the implementation of Strategy 2028.

Setting Priorities for the Year Ahead

The Board discussed its governance priorities for the coming year, including meeting schedules, committee work, Board processes, and action planning.

To strengthen governance practices, the Board directed that options be explored for a secure Board information management platform to improve document security, access control, and communication. Recommendations will be brought forward by staff within four weeks.

The Board also discussed opportunities to leverage artificial intelligence tools to support Board administration and meeting effectiveness.

Committee Leadership

The Board confirmed the following Committee Chair appointments:



- **Finance & Audit Committee:** Andrea Hayward
- **Governance & Ethics Committee:** Marion Cunningham
- **Human Resources Committee:** Nick Sutcliffe

Committee Chairs will now complete committee membership appointments and begin work on their respective annual priorities.

Strengthening Board Engagement

The Board reviewed its approach to engagement with Equestrian Canada's membership and governance structure. Directors will continue building relationships with member categories and Board representatives as part of the organization's commitment to effective communication and strong governance.

In Camera Discussions

The Board met in camera during both meeting days to discuss matters requiring confidentiality. No motions were considered or decisions made during either in camera session.

Looking Ahead

The Board has established a clear governance agenda for the coming year, with an emphasis on effective oversight, committee effectiveness, organizational modernization, and supporting the successful delivery of Strategy 2028. Progress on Board initiatives and key governance activities will be reported throughout the year.

Special Board Meeting – June 22, 2026

The Board convened a Special Meeting on June 22 to consider matters arising from discussions between Equestrian Canada and Ontario Equestrian. The meeting was limited to the business outlined in the Notice of Meeting, including consideration of governance actions required to implement the proposed resolution.

Following discussion in camera, the Board unanimously approved a resolution to restore Tim Arsenault to a Voting Member in good standing with Equestrian Canada and authorized the President to take the administrative actions necessary to implement the decision. The Board also supported the implementation of an engagement plan designed to facilitate a professional and collaborative working relationship between the organizations moving forward.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Walsh
President

On behalf of Equestrian Canada and its Board of Directors, this concludes the Board Report for the Board Meeting held June 4-5 and June 22, 2026.

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