

Board Nominations

Presented to: WESK Members

Meeting date: September 17, 2026

Agenda item: 5.0 Board Nominations

Recommendation

That the WESK Members elect the following slate of candidates:

- Samantha Meehan – 1-year term
- Melanie Pare – 1-year term

Background

Two of WESK's current Board Directors, Rhonda Spencer and Claire Bélanger-Parker, will be completing their last terms as of September 17, 2026.

WESK published a Call for Directors in May to fill both seats, seeking experience in agriculture, agribusiness, and/or information technology.

The Nominations Committee interviewed candidates in June, ultimately selecting Samantha Meehan and Melanie Pare as their proposed candidates.

Key Considerations

Samantha Meehan, Director of Hawksburn Advisory

Samantha will bring a unique perspective to the Board as a senior leader within the mining industry. She is well-versed in negotiating with governments on an international scale. She has a farming background, and her fiancé operates a farm in Saskatchewan.

Melanie Pare, Co-Owner and Director of KSP Technologies, Inc.

Melanie will contribute an entrepreneur's perspective as she is the co-owner of a successful IT company. She understands the challenges that women in IT face, along with the overarching challenges of women entrepreneurs.