

MSBA2025

350 St. Mary Avenue Winnipeg, MB R3C 3J2, Canada

March 19

March 20

Registration and Breakfast

March 20

07:30AM - 08:30AM

Grand Ballroom

Call to Order

March 20

08:30AM - 09:00AM

Grand Ballroom

Welcome and Opening Prayer

March 20

09:00AM - 09:10AM

Grand Ballroom

Nicole Chaske	
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Join Cassie, the first female hockey player inducted into Canada’s Sports Hall of Fame, as she shares her inspiring journey from viewing governance as her least favorite subject to embracing it as her greatest passion. In this candid session, Cassie reflects on her experiences as a board member, revealing the challenges she faced and the personal growth that followed.

Key Takeaways:

- **Embrace Humility:** Discover why leaving your ego at the door is essential for effective governance and collaboration.
- **Transparent Communication:** Learn the importance of open dialogue among board members to achieve shared objectives.
- **Proactive Engagement:** Understand how acknowledging biases and taking initiative can transform negative situations into opportunities for positive change.

Cassie Campbell Pascall



Cassie Campbell-Pascall is one of the greatest hockey players in Canadian history. During her 16-year career, she rewrote history and created a pathway for women in sport.

A career started with two unsuccessful attempts at being selected to join Team Canada in 1990 and 1992, Cassie fought through adversity to earn her way on the team in 1994. She went on to become one of Canada's most decorated hockey players of all-time, winning three gold medals and capturing eight World Championships.

Following retirement, Cassie joined Hockey Night in Canada's broadcast team and was quickly called up to become the first woman to do colour commentary on Hockey Night in Canada.

Covering commentary for three Olympic Games, Cassie is currently an analyst for ESPN and a Special Advisor for the PWHL.

Her breakaway into sport media & creating opportunities to advance the women's game is the next phase for the trailblazer to stamp her legacy in hockey.

Health Break**March 20**

10:15AM - 10:30AM

Delta Mezzanine

A1 - The role of trustees in fostering safe and healthy work and learning environments

March 20

10:30AM - 11:45AM

2E - RBC
Convention Centre

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Across the country education leaders are realizing that fostering wellbeing in our schools and school systems is the key to unlocking the transformational power of public education.

Students learn best when they are well. When staff are well, they can do their best work. While the benefits are clear, the path towards fostering wellbeing in K-12 education is complex. In this interactive session we will:

- Examine pan-Canadian trends that are affecting the wellbeing of students and staff in our school divisions,
- Explore the connections between student and staff wellbeing, and consider how these relate to the goals of our education system,
- Appreciate how actions to create healthier work environments can help attract and retain staff,
- Identify actions that school board trustees can take to foster healthier work and learning environments within their school division and across the province.

Kathleen lane



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Kathleen studied population health before earning her Master of Business Administration from the University of British Columbia. She managed two cross-campus research projects to understand how the learning environment affects student mental health and wellbeing. Focused on bridging the theory-to-practice gap, Kathleen presented findings from her research into teaching practices that support student learning and wellbeing at the International Conference for Health Promoting Universities and Colleges and developed instructor resources to support implementation of instructional practices that promote student wellbeing. Over the past several years her work has focused on building management and leadership capacity to support healthy and productive workplaces.

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Lunch**March 20**

11:45AM - 12:45PM

Grand Ballroom

Ceremony

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12:45PM - 01:00PM

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Retiring Executive presentation
Welcome from Commissioner Bobbi Taillefer

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Round Table - Session 1**March 20**

02:15PM - 03:15PM

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Convention Centre**Round Table - Session 2****March 20**

02:15PM - 03:15PM

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Convention Centre

Round Table - Session 3**March 20**

02:15PM - 03:15PM

2G - RBC
Convention Centre

Round Table - Session 4**March 20**

02:15PM - 03:15PM

2H - RBC
Convention Centre

Health Break**March 20**

03:15PM - 03:45PM

Pan Am Room

BEF Presentation on Recruitment and Retention of French Speaking Teacher**March 20**

03:45PM - 04:45PM

Room 2E-2G RBC
Convention Centre

Board Chairs Meeting with the Honourable Tracy Schmidt**March 20**

04:00PM - 05:00PM

Room 2H RBC
Convention Centre

President's Reception**March 20**

05:15PM - 05:55PM

Charleswood A&B
- Cash Bar

Banquet Opens**March 20**

05:30PM - 05:30PM

Grand Ballroom

Cash Bar Opens**March 20**

05:30PM - 06:00PM

Delta Hotel -
Mezzanine

Drum in VIPs**March
20**06:00PM - 06:10PM

President Welcome**March 20**

06:10PM - 06:20PM

Grand Ballroom

Shared Reflection - Penny Helgason**March 20**

06:20PM - 06:25PM

Grand Ballroom

Meal Service**March 20**

06:30PM - 07:15PM

Grand Ballroom

Dinner Service**March 20**

06:30PM - 07:15PM

Grand Ballroom

Awards and Recognition

March 20

07:15PM - 08:00PM

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Entertainment - Big City All Star Band

March 20

08:00PM - 10:00PM

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March 21

Registration and Breakfast

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Region 1

March 21

08:00AM - 04:00PM

Room 2E RBC
Convention Centre

Region 2

March 21

08:00AM - 04:00PM

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Room 2F RBC
Convention Centre

Region 4

March 21

08:00AM - 04:00PM

St. Vital Room
Delta Mezzanine

Region 5

March 21

08:00AM - 04:00PM

Charleswood A&B
(Delta Mezzanine)

Scrutineers/Parliamentarian Meeting

March 21

08:00AM - 08:00AM

Kildonan Room

MSBA Business

March 21

08:30AM - 08:45AM

Grand Ballroom

Call to Order Land Acknowledgement O Canada Video

President's Address

March 21

08:45AM - 08:55AM

Grand Ballroom

CSBA President's Address

March 21

08:55AM - 09:05AM

Grand Ballroom

Alan Campbell	
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MSBA Executive Director's Remarks

March 21

09:05AM - 09:15AM

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Josh Watt	
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**Welcome from the Commissioner of Teacher Professional
Conduct**

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09:15AM - 09:30AM

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Bobbi Taillefer	
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MSBA Executive Elections

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09:30AM - 10:00AM

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MSBA Executive Elections Results

March 21

10:00AM - 10:30AM

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Health Break

March 21

10:30AM - 10:45AM

Grand Ballroom

MSBA Executive Elections Results

March 21

10:45AM - 11:00AM

Grand Ballroom

Regional Meetings and Director Elections

March 21

11:00AM - 12:00PM

Grand Ballroom

Lunch

March 21

12:00PM - 01:00PM

Grand Ballroom

Executive Meeting

March 21

12:00PM - 01:00PM

St. Vital (Delta
Mezzanine)

Resolutions

March 21

01:00PM - 02:15PM

Grand Ballroom

Health Break - Ice Cream

March 21

02:30PM - 04:00PM

Delta Mezzanine

Resolutions

March 21

03:00PM - 04:00PM

Grand Ballroom

Closing and Adjournment

March 21

04:10PM - 04:15PM

Grand Ballroom

