

## Board of Governors

**Candidates for the Position of a Non-Academic Employee to the York University Board of Governors for a term of two years from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2026.**

Below are the candidates for nomination to the non-academic employee position on the York University Board of Governors. Voting by e-vote opens at **at 1:00 pm on Monday 3 June 2024** and closes at **12:00 noon on Friday June 7, 2024.**



**Patrick Cernea**  
**Director, Data Strategy and Governance**  
**Office of Institutional Planning and Analysis**

I am eager to bring my experience in data strategy and governance to York's Board of Governors. In my decade of progressive leadership roles at York University, I have collaborated with hundreds of colleagues across over 60 units, fostering interdisciplinary connections and spearheading strategic initiatives. I have led pivotal projects such as Quick-Facts and the Institutional Data Hub, significantly enhancing data accessibility. Additionally, I initiated York's inaugural Data and Analytics Governance practice, established the Data and Analytics Community of Engagement, and developed York's first Data and Analytics Strategy roadmap. Data is increasingly central to innovation and effectiveness, particularly with the rise of artificial intelligence. As a board member, I would leverage my commitment to data accessibility, robust governance, and inclusivity to advance York's new University Academic Plan. I hold an International MBA from the Schulich School of Business and a PMP certification, and previously served as Treasurer for ACM SIGGRAPH.



**Naomi Ierullo**  
**Advancement Research Analyst**  
**Advancement Services and Operations**

As a proud parent (of 3 alumni), dedicated employee, and engaged citizen of the GTA, I am deeply invested in the future of York University. Over the past decade, I have witnessed remarkable transformations—from the rejuvenation of spaces to the establishment of cutting-edge programs, and the construction of new facilities (with more to come!). I am grateful for the diligent efforts of our colleagues whose dedication has propelled this growth and innovation. As an Advancement Research Analyst in the Division of Advancement, I contribute to York's Mission by providing research to support fundraising for student scholarships, capital projects, and program expansion. I contribute to a healthy work culture as a member of the Division's Culture Club; promoting equity, diversity, and inclusion in my day-to-day work as these initiatives are very important to me. I eagerly anticipate advocating for the interests of York University.