

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF THE
GENERAL CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES AUTHORITY**

The following individuals are appointed to the board of directors of the General Child and Family Services Authority:

- Philip Goodman will serve as the chair of the board of directors. He is currently a special advisor to the deputy minister of Manitoba Families on child welfare reform and will be retiring in the coming months to assume his position as chair in January 2020. He has held a variety of government positions across Canada responsible for policy development, management and leadership in child welfare. Goodman was an assistant deputy minister, and subsequently a senior policy advisor in Alberta while leading child welfare reform. Goodman holds a bachelor of social work degree from the University of Manitoba and a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Winnipeg, and was an adjunct associate professor in the faculty of social work at the University of Calgary.
- James Lowry will serve as the vice-chair of the board. He is a retired police officer and currently a criminal defense lawyer with James Edward Lowry Law, practising in Winnipeg and Ontario. He served with the Toronto Police Service for 33 years and previously served in the Canadian Armed Forces Army Reserve. Lowry has received an honours bachelor of arts from the University of Toronto, a juris doctor from the University of Ottawa and a master of laws from Osgoode Hall Law School.
- Darlene MacDonald is the Manitoba director for the Canadian Association of Social Workers and an executive board member for the Manitoba College of Social Workers. She has over 30 years of experience in child welfare including Winnipeg Child and Family Services, serving in various roles including chief executive officer, program manager, director of service and area director. MacDonald was appointed as Manitoba's children's advocate and served from 2011 to 2017. MacDonald has a master's of social work from Dalhousie University and a bachelor of arts from St. Francis Xavier University. In 2016, she received the CASW Distinguished Service Award from the Canadian Association of Social Workers.
- Lizanne Lachance is a registered nurse with Villa Youville, a 66-bed francophone personal care home in Ste. Anne. She has served as a registered nurse for Vista Park Lodge, St. Boniface Hospital, Seven Oaks General Hospital and Misericordia Place. Her experience also includes serving as the manager of resident services for the Tache Centre. Lachance has a bachelor of nursing and a master's of public administration from the University of Manitoba and a bachelor of arts from the University of Winnipeg.

- Lorne Belmore is the principal of Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute. He previously served as principal of the Children of the Earth High School for over 10 years. Past community involvement includes serving as chair of the Winnipeg School Division – Winnipeg Police Service School Resource Officer Management Committee and the North End School Resource Officer Project, as well as serving as a member of the Inner City Aboriginal Education Committee. Belmore received the Inspire National Leadership Award in Indigenous Education. He has a bachelor of physical education from the University of Manitoba.
- Meaghen Johnston is a registered social worker with experience in child protection, family systems and child and adolescent development. She is a counsellor and founder of Intentional Futures Counselling. She has worked for over 10 years as a pediatric hospice social worker, bereavement program co-ordinator, private practitioner, pediatric medical social worker, and as an associate professor of social work with Mount Royal University. Johnston completed her doctor of philosophy with the University of British Columbia and completed her doctoral research in 2012.