

Committee: **Audit Committee**

Organization/Sector represented: **N/A**

Name: **Lori Higgs**

Occupation: **Chartered Professional Accountant**

Work experience: **I am currently the Vice President, Clinical Support and Chief Financial Officer for St. Joseph's Health Care London and have more than seventeen years of progressive leadership experience in the health care industry. I provide leadership in the areas of finance, inventory and logistics, procurement and contract management, environmental services, patient food and nutrition services, retail food and health information management. I have accountability for oversight of the hospital's resource allocation and budget planning processes, as well as all financial reporting to internal and external stakeholders. Prior to working at St. Joseph's I worked at Ernst & Young in London, Ontario for eight years in the Assurance and Advisory Business Services practice.**

Education: **BA, Administrative & Commercial Studies at Western; Diploma in Accounting at Wilfrid Laurier University and CPA Designation.**

Skills: **I have experience on a number of volunteer Boards and Committees, most recently as Chair of Fanshawe College's Board of Directors and also as a member of the Ontario Hospital Association's Finance & Audit Committee and past Treasurer at the London Chamber of Commerce. The skills I have gained through my previous employment and volunteer experience are well aligned to financial and audit matters and would assist with the City's Audit Committee Mandate.**

Interest reason: **I am originally from the London area and have a great passion for volunteer service in support of helping our community to prosper.**

Contributions: **I have extensive experience with both preparation of and presenting audited financial statements to St. Joseph's Audit Committee and Board of Directors. In addition, I have served on a number of Audit Committees for not for profit organizations and would also bring a governance perspective on the work of the City's Audit Committee. St. Joseph's also has an internal audit function, as does Fanshawe College and I am very familiar with the roles and responsibilities of internal audit in larger organizations.**

Past contributions: **Chair, Fanshawe College Board of Governors (2017/18) and member of Fanshawe's Audit Committee (2013-present); Director and Treasurer, London Chamber of Commerce (2013-2017); Finance and Audit Committee Member, Ontario Hospital Association (2012-present); Finance Committee Member, Foundation Western (2006-2012); Finance Committee Member, Big Sisters of London (2004-05); Finance Committee member, Brescia University College (2002-05)**

Interpersonal: **As a senior financial executive with over seventeen years of progressive leadership in Public Accounting and the Health Care sector, I bring lens of strategic and critical thinking to inform sound decision making while taking into consideration the risk tolerances of the organization. Through my volunteer work on Boards, I have consistently been an active contributor to discussions and enjoy generative and future focused topics. Although I have depth of knowledge on financial matters I also bring value to Boards through my experience with regulatory environments, strategic planning and building relationships with various levels of Government. I seek to identify mutual purpose in group settings and build consensus through active listening, genuinely seeking to understand others' views and then also sharing my own views (even if they differ from others) in a very respectful manner. I also believe that building positive relationships contributes to having successful outcomes on Audit Committees / Boards of Directors. I focus on creating positive relationships and understanding other members' backgrounds and experiences. Building mutual respect for each other is an essential element of feeling safe to share diverse perspectives in a formal meeting setting.**

Interview interest: **Yes**