

Media Backgrounder: Failed 2018 PC Candidates

“Doug Ford’s Gravy Train”

Summary

Almost 40 percent of the available failed PC candidates from 2018 were given a patronage government job or appointment at some point in the last four years. Of these 16 candidate appointments, six were made after Dean French resigned in June 2019. These were candidates who haven’t been elected to other offices. Two PC candidates from 2018 have since passed on and weren’t factored into this accounting.

By the numbers:

- Total failed 2018 candidates: 48
 - Elected to other roles (federal / municipal): 5
 - Passed on: 2
 - Available candidates: 41

- Appointed or given roles with government: 16 (*almost 40% of failed candidates*)
 - 6 of the 16 appointments were awarded after Dean French resigned
 - BIPOC appointments: 2

Appendix: Information Breakdown and Background Information

Candidate	Riding	Appointment	Date
Cameron Montgomery	Orleans	Chair, EQAO Board of Directors <i>Salary would remain unchanged - \$46,506.98 January-April 2022 (estimated)</i> \$139,520.94 (2020, 2021) \$121,812.51 (2019)	February 2019- Present
Colleen McCleery	Ottawa Centre	Member, OCAD Board of Governors	May 2022- Present
Roshan Nallaratnam	Scarborough Guildwood	Caucus Liaison, Office of the Premier \$104,640.64 (2019)	2019 (Specifics not available)
Andrew Kirsch	Toronto St. Pauls	Member, Expert Panel on Cybersecurity	October 2020 - Present
Gillian Smith	University Rosedale	Board Member, Ontario Science Centre Board Member, Ontario Cultural Attractions Fund	February 2019 - Present October 2018 - Present
Mark DeMontis	York South Weston	Director, Stakeholder Relations (unknown MPP) MPP Liaison - Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility Policy Advisor and Director of Stakeholder Relations - Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility Director of Policy - Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services	2018-May 2019 May - Nov 2019 Nov 2020 - Sept. 2021 Sept. 2021 - January 2022
Ben Levitt	Hamilton West Ancaster Dundas	Issues Manager, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care	August 2018 - July 2019

		<p>Manager, Stakeholder Relations, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care</p> <p>Director of Stakeholder Relations, Ministry of Government and Consumer Services</p> <p>Director of Stakeholder Relations to the Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction</p>	<p>July 2019- October 2020</p> <p>October 2020 - July 2021</p> <p>July- December 2021</p>
April Jeffs	Niagara Centre	<p>Niagara Parks Commission Chair</p> <p>\$250 per diem</p> <p>Niagara Parks Commission Vice-Chair</p> <p>\$175 per diem.</p>	<p>Jan 2022 - Present</p> <p>Jan 2019- Jan 2022</p>
Chuck McShane	Niagara Falls	<p>Vice Chair, Niagara Falls Bridge Commission</p> <p>Commissioner, Niagara Falls Bridge Commission</p>	<p>February 2021 - Present</p> <p>January 2019 - February 2021</p>
Mary Henein Thorn	Kitchener Centre	<p>Vice-Chair, Ontario Trillium Foundation Board</p>	<p>March 2022 - Present</p>
Dan Weber	Waterloo	<p>Director of Operations, Office of the Minister of Education</p>	<p>August 2018 - May 2019</p>
Eric Weniger	London Fanshawe	<p>Governor, Fanshawe College Board</p>	<p>Sept 2021 - Present</p>
Susan Truppe	London North Centre	<p>Chief of Staff, Minister of Heritage, Sports, Tourism and Culture</p> <p>\$149,486.74 (2021)</p> <p>\$144,120.53 (2020)</p>	<p>2018- Present</p>
Margaret Williams	Timiskaming—Cochrane	<p>Member, Grant Review Team, Ontario Trillium Foundation</p>	<p>April 2020 - Present</p>

Clifford Bull	Kiiwetinoong	Special Advisor on Indigenous Affairs	December 2018 - Unknown
Derek Parks	Thunder Bay – Superior North	Committee Member, Committee on the Status of Species at Risk in Ontario (COSSARO) \$150 per diem	January 2020- Present