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A Statement from the Board Chair Regarding Public Member Vacancies

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Yesterday, the *Edmonton Journal* reported on the advertisement recently placed by the Government of Alberta to recruit public members to the University of Alberta Board of Governors. Confusion has arisen as to the source of the advertisement. This advertisement is finalized by the ministry with input from the institution.

The article in the *Journal* noted that the advertisement lists expertise in "Alberta's energy and/or natural resource sector" as a preferred quality in applicants. This part of the advertisement did originate in the Board of Governors office, following past precedent in terms of content. However, I want assure you experience in the oil and gas sector is just one possible area of secondary expertise that may be considered. We are looking for a range of expertise in Board members, *primarily* in areas such as board governance, financial management, and volunteer and community involvement. Most importantly, we're looking for people from across Alberta with senior leadership experience and demonstrated interest in the institution.

Ultimately, the Ministry selects and appoints new Board members. Our goal is to continue a long tradition of attracting high calibre public members who bring wisdom, thoughtfulness and a breadth of experience to the table.

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Chair, Board of Governors