Saint John Airport Inc. (YSJ) Board of Directors

Nomination parameters: briefing for the SNBSC Board of Directors | November 2026

Purpose

SNBSC is one of the bodies that nominate directors to the YSJ Board, and an SNBSC-nominated seat is up for re-nomination. This briefing sets out what is publicly known about who can serve, how nominations work, and how terms and re-nomination are handled.

1. Eligibility rules that apply to every director

YSJ, like every Canadian airport authority, follows the federal *Public Accountability Principles for Canadian Airport Authorities*. Under those principles:

- **No elected officials.** Directors cannot be elected officials at the municipal, provincial or federal level. **The SNBSC nominee therefore cannot be a sitting mayor or councillor**, even though SNBSC's own board is made up of local elected officials.
- **No government employees.** Directors cannot be government employees.
- **Fiduciary duty to the airport.** Once appointed, a director owes their duty to Saint John Airport Inc., *not* to the body that nominated them. The nominee does not represent SNBSC's interests or take direction from SNBSC at the YSJ Board table.
- **Board balance.** The board must include at least one representative of the business community, one of organized labour and one of consumer interests. Nominees with a broad range of skills, business experience and expertise are preferred.

2. How the board is composed

Directors are nominated by stakeholder bodies rather than applying directly. Nationally, an airport authority board has 9 to 15 directors: two nominated by the federal Minister of Transport, one by the provincial government, and the rest by local municipalities, regional bodies and non-governmental organizations. YSJ currently has 12 directors.

Nominating bodies (current and recent YSJ directors)
Southwest New Brunswick Service Commission (SNBSC)
City of Saint John
Kings Regional Service Commission
Fundy Regional Service Commission (formerly Regional Service Commission 8)
Envision Saint John
Saint John & District Labour Council
Transport Canada (federal Minister of Transport)
Province of New Brunswick

Saint John Airport Inc. (the YSJ Board itself)

Note: SNBSC is not listed on YSJ's public board page; the list above adds it based on SNBSC's own records.

3. Terms and re-nomination

- **Term length:** the provincial seat posted in 2026 carried a term of up to 3 years, with possible reappointment. Three-year terms appear to be the norm at YSJ.
- **Term limit:** YSJ's former chair left after nine years on the board, which suggests a maximum of about nine years, in line with other Canadian airports. YSJ's bylaws are not public, so **this needs to be confirmed**, especially if the current SNBSC nominee is being put forward again and has served several terms.
- **Appointment:** a nomination is a recommendation. The appointment itself happens under YSJ's bylaws.

Sources: Public Accountability Principles for Canadian Airport Authorities (canadasairports.ca); Transport Canada, Shared Governance Organizations briefing (2025/2026); Saint John Airport Inc. board page and annual reports (ysjsaintjohn.ca); Government of New Brunswick, Agencies, Boards and Commissions current opportunities (2026). YSJ's bylaws were not available online and are not reflected here.