

BIOGRAPHY

Dr. Michel Tarko

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Dr Tarko has been involved in higher education for 35 years serving as a Faculty member, Curriculum Coordinator, Associate Dean and Dean of Health Sciences, and as Vice President Academic/ Provost prior to being appointed President and CEO of the Justice Institute of British Columbia (JIBC) in 2012, now in his third term until 2027.

As President and CEO, Dr. Tarko has led the development of three consecutive JIBC Strategic Plans and the most recent Strategic Plan being launched last month entitled “For the Greater Good” looking forward to 2027. He has facilitated partnerships between JIBC and other public post-secondary educational institutions in B.C., across Canada and internationally. He aims to create pathways for student and faculty exchanges and applied research initiatives in the context of social justice and public safety. He is also continuing to build relationships and partnerships with business and industry where JIBC can be a solution to priority issues related to community safety and public safety training, education, and applied research.

Dr. Tarko concluded his six-year term in June on the Board of Directors with Colleges and Institutes Canada (CICan) serving as a member of the Board and holding the positions of both Vice Chair and Chair for four consecutive years. CICan is the national association representing Canada’s public community colleges, institutes, CEGEPs and polytechnic teaching universities. Dr. Tarko is currently serving as Chair of the Board of Directors for the BC Council for International Education (BCCIE).

Dr. Tarko earned the Institute of Corporate Directors designation of (ICD.D.) having completed the Directors Education Program through the Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto in 2021. Dr.

Tarko completed his Doctor of Philosophy degree (PhD) in Education (Curriculum & Instruction) from the University of British Columbia and he holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminology from the University of Manitoba, as well as a Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing from the Manitoba School for Psychiatric Nursing.

Finding our New Normal in Higher Education Leadership and Governance

ABSTRACT

This presentation will explore emerging trends in higher education and governance as higher education institutions find their way forward transitioning into our “new normal” in both virtual and in-person learning environments. Salient trends will be highlighted reflecting on the intersections of global forces associated with the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Calls to Action related to the Canadian Truth and Reconciliation Commission report, Indigenization, Internationalization, and leading practices in Governance.