



Minutes - Governance and Policy Committee Meeting
Monday, September 27, 2021, 6:00 p.m., Virtual

Trustees: Linda Stone (Chair), Donna Edwards, Carolyn Morton, Christine Thatcher, Michael Barrett, Chris Braney, Paul Crawford, Patrice Barnes

Regrets: Trustees Darlene Forbes, Niki Lundquist, Scott Templeton

Staff present: Associate Director Jim Markovski, General Counsel Patrick Cotter, Executive Officer Robert Cerjanec

Recording Secretary: Gillian Venning

1. Call to Order

Trustee Linda Stone, Chair of the Committee, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgment

Trustee Linda Stone read out the land acknowledgement.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

4. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Trustee Carolyn Morton

CARRIED

5. Approval of Minutes – June 14, 2021

Moved by: Trustee Donna Edwards

NO CHANGES TO MINUTES. APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED.

CARRIED

6. Revision and Correction of Bylaws

- The Committee agreed to review the draft Bylaws section by section.

Provisions amended during the meeting:

- Committee agreed that throughout the Bylaws where there is reference to the Education Act or relevant legislation, the specific section of the Education Act or other legislation must be noted for ease of reference.
- 1.1 (Purpose and Application) amended from section 1.1 to section 1.0
- 3.4.13 (Election of Chair and Vice-Chair) amended from 'The term of office of a Committee Chair and Vice-Chair shall be one year' to 'The term of office of a Committee Chair and Vice Chair shall be one year, or, until the next Organizational Board meeting, whichever occurs first.'
- 5.5.3 (Scheduling and Agendas) amended from 'Agendas for Board meetings shall be determined by the Chair in consultation with the Director' to 'Agendas for Board meetings shall be determined by the Chair in consultation with the Director or their designate.'
- 5.5.3 – 5.5.7 (Scheduling and Agendas) amended to include 'draft agendas' instead of 'agendas' throughout as Committee agreed that all agendas are presented in draft until a motion to approve has been carried at either a Board or Committee meeting.
- 5.5.7 (Scheduling and Agendas) amended from '...by a majority vote of the members present and voting' to '...by a 2/3 vote of the members present and voting.'
- 5.12.5 (Debate/Voting) to be moved between sections 5.12.12 and 5.12.13 and amended from 'At any time before a motion is put to a vote, a member may request that the motion be read aloud' to 'At any time before a motion is put to a vote, it must be read aloud.'
- 5.12.16 (Debate/Voting) amended from 'Votes taken at Board meetings, but not at Committee meetings, may be recorded' to 'Votes taken at Board and Committee meetings may be recorded.'
- 5.12.33 (Extending Meeting Time): amended to indicate that a meeting will not extend beyond 11:00 p.m.
- 2.4.1(e) (Student Trustees) amended from TDSB to DDSB.
- 2.4.6 (Student Trustees) spelling error in word 'from'
- 2.2.2 (Chair/Vice-Chair): amended to include new provision (h) stating that impartiality of the Committee Chair should be conveyed as much as possible.
- 2.4.12 (Student Trustees) amended to add a space between 'the' and 'following'

Provisions that were discussed and which staff will propose amended language for review at the next meeting of the Committee:

- 5.12.13 (Debate/Voting): concern raised that the provision as currently written does not make it clear what options are available to Committee Chairs related to voting. Staff asked to reconsider this section and present a revision that would bring more clarity to the fact that while a Committee Chair is entitled to vote, they also have the opportunity to abstain.
- 5.13.14 (Public Participation in Meetings): Add "at the discretion of the Chair" with respect to whether questions shall not be entertained.

- New provision to be drafted (4.3.3) regarding term of appointed trustees to Audit Committee.
- 10.1.2/10.1.3: include qualifying statement about operations during a pandemic, reference regulation that informs this provision.

Provisions to be discussed at next meeting for further consideration:

- 5.5.7 (Scheduling and Agendas): Committee agreed this provision needs more time for consideration and discussion specifically around what point in time during a meeting items can be added to an agenda and the mechanism through which items can be added (e.g., motion to amend vs. new business).
- 5.12.7 (Debate/Voting): Committee discussed briefly and decided this requires more time for consideration before amendments can be proposed. Staff asked to compare this provision to the original Bylaw, which the Committee recalled gave two opportunities for speaking to a motion in committee meetings before a motion could be called to end debate.
- Trustee Responsibilities
- Following Bylaws discussion, Committee agreed that revisions to the Code of Conduct would be addressed at October 25, 2021 Governance and Policy Committee meeting.

7. Date of Next Meeting:

Confirmed to take place on October 25, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.