

## **APPROVED**

## **MINUTES**

### **The Special Meeting of the Board Monday, June 27, 2022 9:00 a.m.**

A hybrid Special Meeting of the Durham District School Board was held on this date.

1. Call to Order:

Roll Call: Secretary to the Board, Director Norah Marsh

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Trustees Michael Barrett, Kate Bird, Chris Braney, Paul Crawford, Donna Edwards, Darlene Forbes, Linda Lowery, Niki Lundquist, Scott Templeton, Student Trustees James Kay, De-Mario Knowles, Kayla Malcolm

Regrets: Chair Carolyn Morton, Trustee Christine Thatcher

Officials Present: Director Norah Marsh, Associate Director David Wright, Executive Lead Robert Cerjanec, General Counsel Patrick Cotter, Superintendents Gary Crossdale, Georgette Davis, Margaret Lazarus, Andrea McAuley, Heather Mundy, Jack Nigro and Stephen Nevills

Recording Secretary: Kathy Fitzpatrick

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this time.

3. Moment of Silence/Acknowledgement

Director Norah Marsh advised that the Durham District School Board acknowledges that many Indigenous Nations have longstanding relationships, both historic and modern, with home to many Indigenous peoples from across Turtle Island (North America). We acknowledge that the Durham Region forms a part of the traditional and treaty territory of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, the Mississauga Peoples and the treaty territory of the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation. It is on these ancestral and treaty lands that we teach, learn and live.

Chair Carolyn Morton and Vice Chair Christine Thatcher were absent from the meeting. Director Norah Marsh acting as the Presiding Officer shared that the Board will need to determine by a majority vote, the Presiding Officer and the Chair of the meeting.

Nominations for Chair of the meeting were opened.

2022:SB18

MOVED by Trustee Paul Crawford

THAT TRUSTEE MICHAEL BARRETT SERVE AS THE PRESIDING OFFICER  
AND CHAIR OF THE MEETING.

Trustee Michael Barrett declined the nomination.

2022:SB19

MOVED by Trustee Chris Braney

THAT TRUSTEE SCOTT TEMPLETON SERVE AS THE PRESIDING OFFICER  
AND CHAIR OF THE MEETING.

Trustee Scott Templeton accepted the nomination.

After three calls for additional nominations and seeing none, nominations were closed.

Trustee Scott Templeton was acclaimed as the Presiding Officer and Chair of the meeting.

Trustee Scott Templeton called a five-minute recess to review logistics of the meeting.

4. Adoption of Agenda

2022:SB20

MOVED by Trustee Darlene Forbes

SECONDED by Trustee Niki Lundquist

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

5. Recommended Action

(a) Integrity Commissioner Report

Chair Scott Templeton provided trustees with an overview of the report that was received from the Integrity Commissioner (IC) dated June 6, 2022 and shared that the IC report set out findings that Trustee Crawford breached the Board's Code of Conduct in three separate instances:

1. As a result of comments Trustee Crawford made at the October 25, 2021 Governance and Policy Committee meeting. The text of those comments is set out at page 17 of the report.
2. As a result of comments Trustee Crawford made at the January 24, 2022, Governance and Policy Committee meeting. The text of those comments is set out at page 18 of the report.
3. As a result of threats of reprisal against the trustees that filed complaints against Trustee Crawford.

The Integrity Commissioner has recommended that the Board of Trustees censure Trustee Crawford.

Trustee Scott Templeton noted that the Board of Trustees must make its own assessment of whether a breach or breaches of the Code of Conduct have occurred, and if so, the appropriate sanction(s).

In accordance with the provisions of the *Education Act*, Trustee Crawford is entitled to be present at the meeting but may not vote. He is entitled to speak to a motion, as are each of the Trustees.

2022:SB21

MOVED by Trustee Niki Lundquist

SECONDED by Trustee Darlene Forbes

AS A RESULT OF THE COMMENTS THAT TRUSTEE CRAWFORD MADE AT THE OCTOBER 25, 2021, GOVERNANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING, THE TEXT OF WHICH IS SET OUT AT PAGE 17 OF THE IC REPORT, TRUSTEE CRAWFORD BREACHED THE CODE OF CONDUCT, IN PARTICULAR SECTION 1.4 AND 6.9.

The motion was carried on the following recorded vote:

Yes

Kate Bird  
Chris Braney  
Donna Edwards  
Darlene Forbes  
Niki Lundquist  
Scott Templeton

No

Abstain

Michael Barrett  
Linda Lowery

Absent

Carolyn Morton  
Christine Thatcher

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2022:SB22  
MOVED by Trustee Niki Lundquist  
SECONDED by Trustee Darlene Forbes

AS A RESULT OF COMMENTS THAT TRUSTEE CRAWFORD MADE AT THE JANUARY 24, 2022, GOVERNANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING, THE TEXT OF WHICH IS SET OUT AT PAGE 18 OF THE IC REPORT, TRUSTEE CRAWFORD BREACHED THE CODE OF CONDUCT, IN PARTICULAR, SECTIONS 1.4 AND 6.9

The motion was carried on the following recorded vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Kate Bird Chris Braney Donna Edwards Darlene Forbes Niki Lundquist Scott Templeton		Michael Barrett Linda Lowery	Carolyn Morton Christine Thatcher

2022:SB23  
MOVED by Trustee Niki Lundquist  
SECONDED by Trustee Darlene Forbes

AS A RESULT OF THREATS OF REPRISAL AGAINST THE TRUSTEES THAT FILED COMPLAINTS AGAINST HIM, TRUSTEE CRAWFORD BREACHED THE CODE OF CONDUCT, IN PARTICULAR SECTION 6.53.

The motion was carried on the following recorded vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Michael Barrett Kate Bird Chris Braney Donna Edwards Darlene Forbes Linda Lowery Niki Lundquist Scott Templeton			Carolyn Morton Christine Thatcher

2022:SB24

MOVED by Trustee Chris Braney

SECONDED by Trustee Niki Lundquist

THAT TRUSTEE CRAWFORD BE CENSURED IN RELATION TO THE  
BREACHES OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD.

The motion was carried on the following recorded vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Michael Barrett			Carolyn Morton
Kate Bird			Christine Thatcher
Chris Braney			
Donna Edwards			
Darlene Forbes			
Linda Lowery			
Niki Lundquist			
Scott Templeton			

2022:SB25

MOVED by Trustee Michael Barrett

SECONDED by Trustee Niki Lundquist

THAT THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD REQUEST THAT TRUSTEE  
CRAWFORD ENTER INTO ONE-ON-ONE EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION  
TRAINING AT THE DIRECTION OF THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD RECOGNIZING  
THAT THIS IS A REQUEST AND WOULD NEED TO BE AGREED TO BY  
TRUSTEE CRAWFORD.

CARRIED

6. Adjournment

2022:SB25

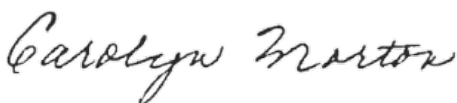
MOVED by Trustee Scott Templeton

SECONDED by Trustee Darlene Forbes

THAT THE MEETING DOES NOW ADJOURN.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.



Chair



Secretary