

# **APPROVED**

## **MINUTES**

### **Inaugural Meeting of the Board Tuesday, November 15, 2022**

**The Inaugural Meeting of the Durham District School Board was held on this date, in the Boardroom.**

1. Call to Order:

The Secretary of the Board Norah Marsh called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Members Present: Trustees Michelle Arseneault, Tracy Brown, Emma Cunningham, Donna Edwards, Stephen Linton, Kelly Miller, Carolyn Morton, Deb Oldfield, Shailene Panylo, Linda Stone, Christine Thatcher, Student Trustees Ben Cameron, Lauren Edwards, Gwen Kuyt

Officials Present: Director of Education and Secretary to the Board Norah Marsh, Associate Directors Jim Markovski, David Wright, Superintendents Gary Crossdale, Georgette Davis, Erin Elmhurst, Mohamed Hamid, Margaret Lazarus, Andrea McAuley, Heather Mundy, Stephen Nevills, Kandis Thompson, Executive Lead Robert Cerjanec, General Counsel Patrick Cotter

Recording Secretary: Kathy Fitzpatrick

2. Land 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.

Director Norah Marsh acknowledged and thanked teacher John MacKinnon and the students from Sinclair Secondary School for the refreshments that were provided at the reception.

3. O Canada

Glen Dhu Public School Choir

Director Norah Marsh introduced the Glen Dhu Public School Junior/Intermediate Choir and shared that many of the choir members are active music learners both in the classroom as well as in extracurricular groups. The choir is led by Emily Parliament and assisted by Melissa Arkell. The choir performed the song, *Who Can Sail?*

4. Swearing In of the New Board of Trustees 2022-2026

Under the guidance of Presiding Officer Norah Marsh, the Trustees elect made their declarations, both orally and in writing, to fulfill the swearing in process for the new Board.

At the conclusion of this process, Director Norah Marsh announced the Durham District School Board for 2022-2026.

5. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this time.

6. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was amended to add Consideration of Reinstating the Masking Mandate at the Durham District School Board to 17.(a) under other business.

2022:RB106

MOVED by Trustee Shailene Panylo

SECONDED by Trustee Emma Cunningham

THE AGENDA WAS APPROVED AS AMENDED.

CARRIED

7. Election of Chair of the Board of Trustees

Director Norah Marsh informed Trustees of the process for the election of the Board's Chair under the Board's By-Laws. Nominations were called for the position of Chair of the Durham District School Board.

2022:RB107

TRUSTEE CAROLYN MORTON SELF-NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

TRUSTEE CHRISTINE THATCHER SELF-NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

2022:RB109

TRUSTEE DONNA EDWARDS SELF-NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

Subsequent to three calls for additional nominations by Director Norah Marsh, and there being none, nominations for the position of Chair were closed.

Trustee Donna Edwards was elected to the position of Chair of the Board of Trustees. Following a brief recess, Trustee Donna Edwards, the newly elected Chair assumed the Chair and conducted the remainder of the meeting.

Chair Donna Edwards thanked Trustees for electing her to the position of Chair of the Board of Trustees.

8. Election of Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees

Chair Donna Edwards explained that the process for electing the Vice Chair was the same under Board Bylaws as it was for the position of Chair. Nominations were called for the position of Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees.

2022:110

TRUSTEE CAROLYN MORTON SELF-NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF VICE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

2022:111

TRUSTEE LINDA STONE NOMINATED TRUSTEE CHRISTINE THATCHER FOR THE POSITION OF VICE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. TRUSTEE CHRISTINE THATCHER ACCEPTED THE NOMINATION.

2022:112

TRUSTEE SHAILENE PANYLO SELF-NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF VICE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Subsequent to three calls for additional nominations by Chair Donna Edwards and there being none, nominations for the position of Vice Chair were closed.

Trustee Christine Thatcher was elected to the position of Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees.

9. Election of Committee of the Whole, Standing Committee Vice Chair

Chair Donna Edwards called for nominations to the position of Committee of the Whole, Standing Committee Vice Chair.

2022:113

TRUSTEE LINDA STONE NOMINATED TRUSTEE TRACY BROWN FOR THE POSITION OF VICE CHAIR OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE. TRUSTEE TRACY BROWN DECLINED THE NOMINATION.

2022:114

TRUSTEE EMMA CUNNINGHAM SELF-NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF VICE CHAIR OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

Subsequent to three calls for additional nominations by Chair Donna Edwards, and there being none, nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Standing Committee were closed.

Trustee Emma Cunningham was acclaimed Vice Chair of the Standing Committee.

10. Election of Education Finance Chair

Chair Donna Edwards called for nominations to the position of Chair of the Education Finance Committee.

2022:115

TRUSTEE CHRISTINE THATCHER NOMINATED TRUSTEE MICHELLE ARSENEAULT FOR THE POSITION OF CHAIR OF EDUCATION FINANCE COMMITTEE. TRUSTEE MICHELLE ARSENEAULT DECLINED THE NOMINATION.

2022:116

TRUSTEE KELLY MILLER NOMINATED TRUSTEE CAROLYN MORTON FOR THE POSITION OF CHAIR OF EDUCATION FINANCE COMMITTEE. TRUSTEE CAROLYN MORTON ACCEPTED THE NOMINATION.

Subsequent to three calls for additional nominations by Chair Donna Edwards, and there being none, nominations for the position of Chair of Education Finance Committee were closed.

Trustee Carolyn Morton was acclaimed Chair of Education Finance Committee.

11. Election of Education Finance Vice Chair

Chair Donna Edwards called for nominations to the position of Vice Chair of the Education Finance Committee.

2022:117

TRUSTEE LINDA STONE SELF-NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF VICE CHAIR OF EDUCATION FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Subsequent to three calls for additional nominations by Chair Donna Edwards, and there being none, nominations for the position of Vice Chair of Education Finance Committee were closed.

Trustee Linda Stone was acclaimed Vice Chair of Education Finance Committee.

12. Election of Governance and Policy Committee Chair

Chair Donna Edwards called for nominations to the position of Chair of the Governance and Policy Committee.

2022:118

TRUSTEE CHRISTINE THATCHER NOMINATED TRUSTEE TRACY BROWN FOR THE POSITION OF CHAIR OF GOVERNANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE. TRUSTEE TRACY BROWN ACCEPTED THE NOMINATION.

Subsequent to three calls for additional nominations by Chair Donna Edwards, and there being none, nominations for the position of Chair of Governance and Policy Committee were closed.

Trustee Tracy Brown was acclaimed Chair of Governance and Policy Committee.

13. Election of Governance and Policy Committee Vice Chair

Chair Donna Edwards called for nominations to the position of Vice Chair of the Governance and Policy Committee.

2022:119

TRUSTEE SHAILENE PANYLO SELF-NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF VICE CHAIR OF GOVERNANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE.

Subsequent to three calls for additional nominations by Chair Donna Edwards, and there being none, nominations for the position of Vice Chair of Governance and Policy Committee were closed.

Trustee Shailene Panylo was acclaimed Vice Chair of the Governance and Policy Committee.

14. Committee Elections

Chair Donna Edwards called for nominations and/or volunteers for the following committees:

- (a) Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Liaison Voting Trustees

2022:RB120

TRUSTEE CAROLYN MORTON NOMINATED TRUSTEE DONNA EDWARDS FOR THE POSITION OF OPSBA LIAISON VOTING TRUSTEE. TRUSTEE DONNA EDWARDS ACCEPTED THE NOMINATION.

Chair Edwards requested that Vice Chair Christine Thatcher chair the portion of the meeting pertaining to the election of Trustees to OPSBA.

TRUSTEE EMMA CUNNINGHAM SELF-NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF OPSBA LIAISON VOTING TRUSTEE.

Subsequent to three calls for additional nominations by Vice Chair Christine Thatcher, and there being none, nominations for the position of the OPSBA Liaison Trustee were closed.

Trustee Emma Cunningham was elected as Vice Chair of OPSBA Liaison Trustee. Trustee Emma Cunningham will exercise the Board's voting right.

2022:RB121

TRUSTEE DEB OLDFIELD SELF-NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF OPSBA LIAISON TRUSTEE.

2022:RB122

TRUSTEE DONNA EDWARDS SELF-NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF OPSBA LIAISON TRUSTEE.

Subsequent to three calls for additional nominations by Vice Chair Christine Thatcher, and there being none, nominations for the position of the OPSBA Liaison Trustee were closed.

Trustee Deb Oldfield was elected as the non-voting of OPSBA Liaison Trustee.

2022:RB123

TRUSTEE DONNA EDWARDS SELF-NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF ALTERNATE OPSBA TRUSTEE.

TRUSTEE CAROLYN MORTON SELF-NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF ALTERNATE OPSBA TRUSTEE.

Subsequent to three calls for additional nominations by Vice Chair Christine Thatcher, and there being none, nominations for the position of alternate OPSBA Liaison Trustee were closed.

Trustees Donna Edwards and Carolyn Morton were acclaimed as alternate OPSBA Trustees.

(b) Audit Committee Liaison Trustees-3 Positions

Chair Donna Edwards resumed the Chair.

Chair Donna Edwards called for nominations to the position of Audit Committee Liaison Trustee.

2022:RB124

TRUSTEE KELLY MILLER NOMINATED TRUSTEE SHAILENE PANYLO FOR THE POSITION OF AUDIT COMMITTEE LIAISON TRUSTEE. TRUSTEE SHAILENE PANYLO ACCEPTED THE NOMINATION.

2022:RB125

TRUSTEE SHAILENE PANYLO NOMINATED TRUSTEE KELLY MILLER FOR THE POSITION OF AUDIT COMMITTEE LIAISON TRUSTEE. TRUSTEE KELLY MILLER DECLINED THE NOMINATION.

2022:RB126

TRUSTEE CAROLYN MORTON NOMINATED TRUSTEE STEPHEN LINTON FOR THE POSITION OF AUDIT COMMITTEE LIAISON TRUSTEE. TRUSTEE STEPHEN LINTON ACCEPTED THE NOMINATION.

2022:RB127

TRUSTEE MICHELLE ARSENEAULT SELF-NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF AUDIT COMMITTEE LIAISON TRUSTEE.

Subsequent to three calls for additional nominations by Chair Donna Edwards, and there being none, nominations for the position of Audit Committee Liaison Trustee were closed.

Trustees Michelle Arseneault, Stephen Linton and Shailene Panylo were acclaimed as Audit Committee Liaison Trustee.

(c) Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Liaison Trustees

2022:RB128

TRUSTEE DEB OLDFIELD SELF-NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF SEAC LIAISON TRUSTEE.

2022:RB129

TRUSTEE KELLY MILLER SELF-NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF SEAC LIAISON TRUSTEE.

Subsequent to three calls for additional nominations by Chair Donna Edwards, and there being none, nominations for the position of SEAC Liaison Trustee were closed.

Trustees Kelly Miller and Deb Oldfield were acclaimed to the position of SEAC Liaison Trustee.

2022:RB130

TRUSTEE EMMA CUNNINGHAM NOMINATED TRUSTEE DONNA EDWARDS FOR THE POSITION OF ALTERNATE SEAC LIAISON TRUSTEE. TRUSTEE DONNA EDWARDS ACCEPTED THE NOMINATION.

Chair Edwards requested that Vice Chair Thatcher chair the portion of the meeting pertaining to the election of Alternate SEAC Liaison Trustee.

2022:RB131

TRUSTEE LINDA STONE SELF-NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF ALTERNATE SEAC LIAISON TRUSTEE OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

Trustees Donna Edwards and Linda Stone were acclaimed to the position of alternate SEAC Liaison Trustee.

(d) Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) Liaison Trustees

Chair Donna Edwards resumed the Chair.

2022:RB132

TRUSTEE SHAILENE PANYLO NOMINATED TRUSTEE STEPHEN LINTON FOR



THE POSITION OF SUPERVISED ALTERNATIVE LEARNING LIAISON TRUSTEE. TRUSTEE STEPHEN LINTON DECLINED THE NOMINATION.

2022:RB133

TRUSTEE CAROLYN MORTON SELF-NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF SUPERVISED ALTERNATIVE LEARNING LIAISON TRUSTEE.

2022:RB134

TRUSTEE DEB OLDFIELD SELF-NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF SUPERVISED ALTERNATIVE LEARNING LIAISON TRUSTEE.

Subsequent to three calls for additional nominations by Chair Donna Edwards, and there being none, nominations for the position of Supervised Alternative Learning Liaison Trustee were closed.

Trustees Carolyn Morton and Deb Oldfield were acclaimed to the position of Supervised Alternative Learning Liaison Trustee.

2022:RB135

TRUSTEE STEPHEN LINTON SELF-NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF ALTERNATE SUPERVISED ALTERNATIVE LEARNING LIAISON TRUSTEE.

2022:RB136

TRUSTEE MICHELLE ARSENEAULT SELF-NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF ALTERNATE SUPERVISED ALTERNATIVE LEARNING LIAISON TRUSTEE.

Subsequent to three calls for additional nominations by Chair Donna Edwards, and there being none, nominations for the position of alternate Supervised Alternative Learning Liaison Trustee were closed.

Trustees Michelle Arseneault and Stephen Linton were acclaimed to the position of alternate Supervised Alternative Learning Liaison Trustee.

(e) Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)

2022:RB137

TRUSTEE CHRISTINE THATCHER NOMINATED TRUSTEE MICHELLE ARSENEAULT FOR THE POSITION OF PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE LIAISON TRUSTEE. TRUSTEE MICHELLE ARSENEAULT ACCEPTED THE NOMINATION.

TRUSTEE EMMA CUNNINGHAM NOMINATED TRUSTEE STEPHEN LINTON FOR THE POSITION OF PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE LIAISON TRUSTEES. TRUSTEE STEPHEN LINTON ACCEPTED THE NOMINATION.

Subsequent to three calls for additional nominations by Chair Donna Edwards, and there being none, nominations for the position of Parent Involvement Committee Liaison Trustee were closed.

Trustee Stephen Linton was elected to the position of Parent Involvement Committee Liaison Trustee.

2022:RB138

TRUSTEE KELLY MILLER NOMINATED TRUSTEE MICHELLE ARSENEAULT FOR THE POSITION OF ALTERNATE PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE LIAISON TRUSTEES. TRUSTEE MICHELLE ARSENEAULT ACCEPTED THE NOMINATION.

Subsequent to three calls for additional nominations by Chair Donna Edwards, and there being none, nominations for the position of alternate Parent Involvement Committee Liaison Trustee were closed.

Trustee Michelle Arseneault was acclaimed as alternate Parent Involvement Committee Liaison Trustee.

15. Draft Board and Committee Meeting Dates 2023

Chair Donna Edwards presented the Draft Board and Committee Meeting Dates for 2023. There being no objections to the meeting dates, it was approved as presented.

2022:RB139

MOVED by Chair Donna Edward

CARRIED

Recommended Actions

(a) Motion: Cancellation of December 19, 2022, Board Meeting

2022:RB140

MOVED by Trustee Carolyn Morton

SECONDED by Trustee Christine Thatcher

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE CANCELLATION OF THE DECEMBER 19, 2022, BOARD MEETING.

CARRIED

16. Other Business

(a) Consideration of a Reinstating Masking Mandate at the Durham District School Board

Trustee Shailene Panylo provided Trustees with an overview of the following motion that was brought forward.

Trustee questions were answered.

2022:RB141

MOVED by Trustee Shailene Panylo

SECONDED by Trustee Emma Cunningham

THEREFORE, I MOVE THAT THE DDSB FORMALLY REQUEST THAT THE DURHAM REGION HEALTH DEPARTMENT ACT PROACTIVELY TO PROTECT CHILDREN IN OUR SCHOOLS AND GIVE US THE DIRECTIVE TO REINSTATE MASKING REQUIREMENTS SO WE CAN HELP MITIGATE RISK AND ILLNESS DURING THIS CRISIS AND SHORTAGE AND REEVALUATE THIS MEASURE WHEN THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS' CONCERNS HAVE BEEN MITIGATED AND REDUCED. INCLUDE PROVISIONS OF CONSIDERATION TO ENSURE THAT THIS MEASURE IS EQUITABLE FOR STUDENTS WITH DOCUMENTED MEDICAL CONDITIONS, SPECIAL NEEDS, DISABILITIES, AND THAT HIGH QUALITY MASKS ARE WIDELY AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS, STAFF, AND VISITORS TO ADDRESS ECONOMIC BARRIERS TO SAFETY.

2022:RB142

MOVED by Trustee Linda Stone

SECONDED by Trustee Christine Thatcher

THAT THE MOTION BE DEFERRED TO JANUARY 2023.

That the foregoing motion (2022:RB142) be amended to the following date.

2022:RB143

MOVED by Trustee Carolyn Morton

SECONDED by Trustee Deb Oldfield

THAT THE MOTION BE DEFERRED TO THE NOVEMBER 21, 2022, BOARD MEETING.

CARRIED

2022:RB144

MOVED by Trustee Carolyn Morton

SECONDED by Trustee Deb Oldfield

THAT STAFF BRING A REPORT TO THE NOVEMBER 21, 2022, BOARD MEETING ON ATTENDANCE TRENDS, VENTILATION AND THE HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES THAT ARE IN PLACE.

CARRIED

17. Adjournment

2022:RB145

MOVED by CHAIR Donna Edwards

THAT THE MEETING DOES NOW ADJOURN.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:52 p.m.



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Chair



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Secretary