

APPROVED

MINUTES

The Special Meeting of the Board

Monday, March 6, 2023

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

1. Call to Order:

Chair Donna Edwards called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Members Present: Trustees Michelle Arseneault, Tracy Brown, Emma Cunningham, Stephen Linton (joined the meeting virtually at 8:33 p.m.), 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 Camille Williams-Taylor, 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, Human Rights and Equity Advisor Devika Mathur

Recording Secretary: Kathy Fitzpatrick

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this time.

3. Land Acknowledgement

Chair Donna Edwards gave the Land Acknowledgment: 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.

4. Adoption of Agenda

2023:SB012

MOVED by Trustee Kelly Miller

SECONDED by Trustee Carolyn Morton

THAT THE AGENDA IS APPROVED.

CARRIED

5. Recommended Actions

(a) Adoption of Any Resolution from Committee of the Whole, In Camera
Standing Committee

2023:SB13

MOVED by Trustee Emma Cunningham

SECONDED by Trustee Christine Thatcher

THAT THE BOARD NOW ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND APPROVE THE
ACTIONS OF THE MARCH 6, 2023, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, IN CAMERA,
STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING.

CARRIED

(b) Consideration of Submissions re: Code of Conduct

Chair Donna Edwards shared the following information with trustees:

At the February 6, 2023, Special Board meeting the Board of Trustees considered the Integrity Commissioner report and found that Trustee Linda Stone breached the Code of Conduct.

As required under the Education Act, the Board provided Trustee Stone with written notice of the findings of the breach and of the sanctions. Trustee Stone was given 14 days to provide a written submission to the Board of Trustees for consideration.

The Board of Trustees have received the written submission in the required timeline.

Chair Edwards noted that the Board must consider the written submission as per the Education Act and make a determination to confirm or revoke the determination of breaches made at the February 6, 2023, Special Board meeting and further determine whether to confirm or revoke the sanctions imposed.

Chair Donna Edwards introduced external Legal Counsel Dolores Barbini who provided additional information to the Board of Trustees with regards to the process.

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2023:SB14

MOVED by Trustee Donna Edwards

SECONDED by Trustee Tracy Brown

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES CONFIRM ALL SIX FINDINGS OF THE BREACHES THAT WERE PRESENTED ON FEBRUARY 6, 2023

CARRIED

Student trustee Ben Cameron call for a recorded vote.

The motion was carried on the following recorded vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Michelle Arseneault			
Tracy Brown			
Emma Cunningham			
Stephen Linton			
Kelly Miller			
Carolyn Morton			
Deb Oldfield			
Shailene Panylo			
Christine Thatcher			
Donna Edwards			

Student Trustees (Non-Binding Vote)

Ben Cameron
Lauren Edwards
Gwen Kuyt

2023:SB15

MOVED by Trustee Deb Oldfield

SECONDED by Trustee Emma Cunningham

I MOVE THAT THE BOARD CONFIRM ITS DECISION OF FEBRUARY 6, 2023, WHERE THE BOARD DETERMINED TO IMPOSE THE FOLLOWING SANCTIONS:

1. THAT TRUSTEE STONE BE BARRED FROM ALL OF THE NEXT BOARD MEETING;
2. THAT TRUSTEE STONE BE BARRED FROM SITTING ON ANY AND ALL COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2023; AND
3. THAT TRUSTEE STONE BE CENSURED.

Trustee Emma Cunningham called for a recorded vote.

The motion was carried on the following recorded vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Michelle Arseneault			
Tracy Brown			
Emma Cunningham			
Stephen Linton			
Kelly Miller			
Carolyn Morton			
Deb Oldfield			
Shailene Panylo			
Christine Thatcher			
Donna Edwards			

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6. Adjournment

2023:RB16

MOVED by Trustee Shailene Panylo

SECONDED by Trustee Michelle Arseneault

THAT THE MEETING DOES NOW ADJOURN.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:50 p.m.



Chair



Secretary

