

APPROVED

MINUTES

Organizational Meeting of the Board Monday, November 20, 2023

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

1. Call to Order:

The Secretary to the Board Camille Williams-Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:20 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 (left at 8:21 p.m.), Christine Thatcher, Student Trustees Ben Cameron

Regrets: Trustee Jill Thompson, Student Trustees Kayla Hoare, Neha Kasoju

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

Recording Secretary: Kathy Fitzpatrick

2. Land Acknowledgement

Director Camille Williams-Taylor 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.

3. O Canada

Glen Dhu Public School Choir

Trustees Tracy Brown and Michelle Arseneault introduced, welcomed and thanked the Glen Dhu Public School Junior/Intermediate Choir who performed O Canada. The choir is led by Emily Parliament and assisted by Melissa Arkell. The choir also performed the song, "Nothing's Gonna Stop Me".

4. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this time.

5. Adoption of Agenda

2022:RB112

MOVED by Trustee Deb Oldfield

SECONDED by Trustee Stephen Linton

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

6. Election of Chair of the Board of Trustees

Director Camille Williams-Taylor 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:RB113

TRUSTEE KELLY MILLER NOMINATED TRUSTEE DONNA EDWARDS FOR THE POSITION OF CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD. TRUSTEE DONNA EDWARDS ACCEPTED THE NOMINATION.

2022:RB114

TRUSTEE TRACY BROWN NOMINATED CHRISTINE THATCHER FOR THE POSITION OF CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD. TRUSTEE CHRISTINE THATCHER ACCEPTED THE NOMINATION.

Subsequent to three calls for additional nominations by Director Camille Williams-Taylor, and there being none, nominations for the position of Chair were closed.

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

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

7. Election of Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees

Chair Christine Thatcher called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees.

2022:115

TRUSTEE EMMA CUNNINGHAM SELF-NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF VICE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

2022:116

TRUSTEE KELLY MILLER NOMINATED TRUSTEE CAROLYN MORTON FOR THE POSITION OF VICE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. TRUSTEE CAROLYN MORTON ACCEPTED THE NOMINATION.

2022:117

TRUSTEE TRACY BROWN NOMINATED TRUSTEE DEB OLDFIELD FOR THE POSITION OF VICE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. TRUSTEE DEB OLDFIELD ACCEPTED THE NOMINATION.

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

Trustee Deb Oldfield was elected to the position of Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees.

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

Chair Christine Thatcher called for nominations to the position of Committee of the Whole, Standing Committee Vice Chair.

2022:118

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

2022:119

TRUSTEE CAROLYN MORTON SELF-NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF VICE CHAIR OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

2022:120

TRUSTEE TRACY BROWN SELF-NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF VICE CHAIR OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

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

Trustee Tracy Brown was elected Vice Chair of the Standing Committee.

9. Election of Education Finance Chair

Chair Christine Thatcher called for nominations to the position of Chair of the Education Finance Committee.

2022:121

TRUSTEE CAROLYN MORTON SELF-NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF CHAIR OF EDUCATION FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Subsequent to three calls for additional nominations by Chair Christine Thatcher, 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.

10. Election of Education Finance Vice Chair

Chair Christine Thatcher called for nominations to the position of Vice Chair of the Education Finance Committee.

2022:122

TRUSTEE DONNA EDWARDS SELF-NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF VICE CHAIR OF THE EDUCATION FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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

Trustee Donna Edwards was acclaimed Vice Chair of Education Finance Committee.

11. Election of Governance and Policy Committee Chair

Chair Christine Thatcher called for nominations to the position of Chair of the Governance and Policy Committee.

2022:123

TRUSTEE EMMA CUNNINGHAM SELF- NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF CHAIR OF GOVERNANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE.

TRUSTEE KELLY MILLER NOMINATED TRUSTEE DONNA EDWARDS FOR THE POSITION OF CHAIR OF GOVERNANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE. TRUSTEE DONNA EDWARDS DECLINED THE NOMINATION.

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

Trustee Emma Cunningham was acclaimed Chair of Governance and Policy Committee.

12. Election of Governance and Policy Committee Vice Chair

Chair Christine Thatcher called for nominations to the position of Vice Chair of the Governance and Policy Committee.

2022:124

TRUSTEE KELLY MILLER SELF-NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF VICE CHAIR OF GOVERNANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE.

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

Trustee Kelly Miller was acclaimed Vice Chair of the Governance and Policy Committee.

13. Statutory/Other Committee Elections

Audit Committee

The following trustees will continue as the Audit Committee trustees members for 2024.

Trustee Michelle Arseneault
Trustee Stephen Linton
Trustee Shailene Panylo

Chair Christine Thatcher called for nominations and/or volunteers for the following committees:

(a) Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Trustee Members

2022:RB125

TRUSTEE DONNA EDWARDS SELF-NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF SEAC TRUSTEE MEMBER.

2022:RB126

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

2022:RB127

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

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

Trustees Donna Edwards, Kelly Miller and Deb Oldfield were acclaimed to the position of SEAC Trustee Members.

(b) Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) Trustee Members

2022:RB128

TRUSTEE CAROLYN MORTON NOMINATED TRUSTEE MICHELLE ARSENEAULT FOR THE POSITION OF SUPERVISED ALTERNATIVE LEARNING TRUSTEE MEMBER. TRUSTEE MICHELLE ARSENEAULT ACCEPTED THE NOMINATION.

2022:RB129

TRUSTEE MICHELLE ARSENEAULT NOMINATED TRUSTEE CAROLYN MORTON FOR THE POSITION OF SUPERVISED ALTERNATIVE LEARNING TRUSTEE MEMBER. TRUSTEE CAROLYN MORTON ACCEPTED THE NOMINATION.

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

Trustees Michelle Arseneault and Carolyn Morton were acclaimed to the position of

Supervised Alternative Learning Trustee Member.

2022:RB130

TRUSTEE KELLY MILLER SELF-NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF ALTERNATE SUPERVISED ALTERNATIVE LEARNING TRUSTEE MEMBER.

2022:RB131

TRUSTEE DONNA EDWARDS SELF-NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF ALTERNATE SUPERVISED ALTERNATIVE LEARNING TRUSTEE MEMBER.

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

Trustees Donna Edwards and Kelly Miller were acclaimed to the position of alternate Supervised Alternative Learning Trustee Member.

(c) Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)

2022:RB132

TRUSTEE TRACY BROWN NOMINATED TRUSTEE MICHELLE ARSENEAULT FOR THE POSITION OF PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE TRUSTEE MEMBER. TRUSTEE MICHELLE ARSENEAULT ACCEPTED THE NOMINATION.

2022:RB133

TRUSTEE EMMA CUNNINGHAM NOMINATED TRUSTEE STEPHEN LINTON FOR THE POSITION OF PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE TRUSTEE MEMBER. TRUSTEE STEPHEN LINTON DECLINED THE NOMINATION.

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

Trustee Michelle Arseneault was acclaimed to the position of Parent Involvement Committee Trustee Member.

2022:RB134

TRUSTEE KELLY MILLER SELF-NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF ALTERNATE PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE TRUSTEE MEMBERS.

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

Trustee Kelly Miller was acclaimed as alternate Parent Involvement Committee Trustee Member.

- (d) Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Trustee Voting Member

2022:RB135

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

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

Trustee Donna Edwards was acclaimed as the OPSBA Trustee Voting Member. Trustee Donna Edwards will exercise the Board's voting right.

2022:RB136

TRUSTEE CAROLYN MORTON NOMINATED TRUSTEE KELLY MILLER FOR THE POSITION OF OPSBA TRUSTEE ALTERNATE VOTING MEMBER. TRUSTEE KELLY MILLER ACCEPTED THE NOMINATION.

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

Trustee Kelly Miller was elected as the non-voting OPSBA Trustee Member.

2022:RB137

TRUSTEE MICHELL ARSENEAULT 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 Chair Christine Thatcher, and there being none, nominations for the position of alternate OPSBA Trustee Member were closed.

Trustees Michelle Arseneault and Carolyn Morton were acclaimed as alternate OPSBA Trustees.

14. Draft Board and Committee Meeting Dates 2023

Chair Christine Thatcher presented the Draft Board and Committee Meeting Dates for 2024. There being no objections to the meeting dates, it was approved as presented.

2022:RB138

MOVED by Chair Christine Thatcher

CARRIED

17. Adjournment

2022:RB139

MOVED by Chair Christine Thatcher

THAT THE MEETING DOES NOW ADJOURN.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:34 p.m.



Chair



Secretary