

APPROVED

MINUTES

The Special Meeting of the Board

Monday, June 24, 2024

6:00 p.m.

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

1. Call to Order:

Roll Call: Chair Christine Thatcher

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Trustees Tracy Brown, Emma Cunningham, Donna Edwards, Mark Jacula, Stephen Linton (virtual), Kelly Miller, Carolyn Morton, Deb Oldfield, Shailene Panylo (virtual), Student Trustee Ben Cameron

Regrets: Trustees Michelle Arseneault, Student Trustees Neha Kasoju, Kayla Hoare

Officials Present: Director of Education and Secretary to the Board Camille Williams-Taylor, Associate Directors Jim Markovski and David Wright, General Counsel Patrick Cotter, Superintendents Michael Bowman, Andrea McAuley, Erin Elmhurst, Margaret Lazarus

Recording Secretary: Gillian Venning

2. Land Acknowledgement

Chair Christine Thatcher gave the Land Acknowledgment: the Durham District School Board acknowledges that many Indigenous Nations have longstanding relationships, both historic and modern, with territories upon which our school board and schools are located. Today, this area is 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. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this time.

4. Adoption of Agenda

2024:SB38

MOVED by Trustee Donna Edwards

SECONDED by Trustee Tracy Brown

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

5. Recommended Actions

(a) Naming of Unnamed North Oshawa Public School

Superintendent Michael Bowman provided trustees with an overview of the report leading to the recommendation of a name for the new Unnamed North Oshawa Public School that is scheduled to open in September 2024. A School Naming Committee made up of Trustees, staff, students, community members and a representative from the Indigenous Education Advisory Circle was struck and members of the broader community were invited to submit proposed names for the new school, which were considered at three meetings of the naming Committee, who eventually came to a consensus on the recommended name included in the report: Maamawi iyaawag Public School, meaning “they are gathered together here.”

2024:SB39

MOVED by Trustee Deb Oldfield

SECONDED by Trustee Tracy Brown

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SELECT THE FIRST CHOICE OF THE NAMING COMMITTEE, MAAMAWI IYAAWAG PUBLIC SCHOOL, AS THE OFFICIAL NAME OF THE CURRENTLY UNNAMED NORTH OSHAWA PUBLIC SCHOOL.

CARRIED

6. Adjournment

2024:SB40

MOVED by Chair Christine Thatcher

THAT THE MEETING DOES NOW ADJOURN.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Chair 


Secretary