

APPROVED MINUTES

The Special Meeting of the Board

Monday, May 5, 2025

7:30 p.m.

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

1. Call to Order:

Roll Call: Chair Tracy Brown

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

Members Present: Trustees Michelle Arseneault, Emma Cunningham, Donna Edwards, Mark Jacula, Stephen Linton, Kelly Miller, Carolyn Morton, Deb Oldfield, Shailene Panylo, Student Trustees Kayla Hoare, Nitishan Poopalasundaram, Shampavi Vijayakumar

Regrets: Trustee Christine Thatcher

Officials Present: Director of Education and Secretary to the Board Camille Williams-Taylor, Associate Director Jim Markovski, Associate Director David Wright, General Counsel Patrick Cotter, Superintendents of Education Lauren Bliss, Michael Bowman, Erin Elmhurst, Mohamed Hamid, Margaret Lazarus, Andrea McAuley, Heather Mundy, Stephen Nevills, Martine Robinson, Kandis Thompson, Senior Manager Dervla Kelly

Recording Secretary: Gillian Venning

2. Land Acknowledgement

Chair Tracy Brown 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

2025:SB05

MOVED by Trustee Kelly Miller

SECONDED by Trustee Emma Cunningham

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

5. Recommended Actions

(a) Naming of the Unnamed Pickering Seaton Public School

Superintendent Martine Robinson provided an overview of the report which outlines the process undertaken towards naming of the new Unnamed Pickering Seaton Public School. The process took place in accordance with the Naming of Schools Policy and Procedure and included the establishment of a Naming Committee and a community consultation to receive proposals. The naming Committee recommends to the Board of Trustees that the name of the new school be Josiah Henson Public School, a name which aligns with the criteria established in the Naming of Schools Policy.

Trustee questions were answered.

2025:SB06

MOVED by Trustee Stephen Linton

SECONDED by Trustee Emma Cunningham

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SELECT THE RECOMMENDED NAME AS DETERMINED BY THE NAMING COMMITTEE, JOSIAH HENSON PUBLIC SCHOOL, AS THE OFFICIAL NAME OF THE NEW UNNAMED PICKERING SEATON PUBLIC SCHOOL IN PICKERING, ONTARIO.

CARRIED

6. Adjournment

2025:SB07

MOVED by Trustee Shailene Panylo

SECONDED by Trustee Mark Jacula

THAT THE MEETING DOES NOW ADJOURN.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

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Chair



Secretary