

## **Minutes - Governance and Policy Committee Meeting**

**Monday, January 31, 2022, 6:00 p.m., Virtual**

Trustees: Linda Stone, Donna Edwards, Carolyn Morton, Christine Thatcher, Michael Barrett, Patrice Barnes, Scott Templeton, Darlene Forbes, Chris Braney, Niki Lundquist

Regrets: Trustee Paul Crawford

Staff present: Director of Education Norah Marsh, Associate Directors Jim Markovski and David Wright, Human Rights and Equity Advisor Devika Mathur, General Counsel Patrick Cotter, Executive System Lead Robert Cerjanec, Superintendents of Equitable Education Stephen Nevills, Jack Nigro, Gary Crossdale, Margaret Lazarus, Georgette Davis, Heather Mundy, Erin Elmhurst, Andrea McAuley, Policy Analyst Ahmad Khawaja

Recording Secretary: Gillian Venning

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### **1. Call to Order**

Trustee Linda Stone, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Before moving to item 2 on the agenda, Chair Stone stepped down from the position of Chair of the Governance and Policy Committee and left the meeting.

Director of Education Norah Marsh Chaired the meeting until the election process for a new Chair could be completed.

### **2. Land Acknowledgment**

Trustee Barnes read out the Land Acknowledgement.

### **3. Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

### **4. Approval of Agenda**

Trustee Lundquist put forth a motion to amend the agenda as follows:

That 6(a) Election of Vice Chairperson, under Recommended Actions be moved to 6(b) and that Election of Chairperson be added as 6(a). 6(b) under Recommended Actions becomes 6(c).

The motion to amend was seconded by Trustee Edwards.

AMENDMENT CARRIED

**5. Approval of Minutes – January 24, 2021**

CARRIED

**6. Recommended Actions**

**(a) Election of Chairperson**

Director Marsh opened nominations for the position of Chair of the Governance and Policy Committee.

Trustee Niki Lundquist nominated Trustee Michael Barrett. Trustee Barrett accepted the nomination.

After three calls for additional nominations and seeing none, nominations for Chair were closed.

Trustee Barrett was acclaimed Chair of the Governance and Policy Committee and took over the remainder of the meeting.

**(b) Election of Vice Chairperson**

Chair Barrett opened nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Governance and Policy Committee.

Trustee Carolyn Morton nominated Trustee Patrice Barnes. Trustee Barnes accepted the nomination.

Trustee Niki Lundquist self-nominated.

After three calls for additional nominations and seeing none, nominations for Vice Chair were closed.

Vice Chair candidates were provided the opportunity to speak to their nomination.

Confidential polling took place. Trustee Lundquist was elected Vice Chair of the Governance and Policy Committee.

**(c) Motion**

Trustee Braney introduced a motion to move the draft Human Rights Policy to the next Standing Committee meeting taking place on February 7, 2022.

Members were provided the opportunity to speak in support of or against the motion before a vote took place.

## DEFEATED

### **7. Draft Human Rights Policy and Procedures**

Members discussed the most effective and efficient way to allow for further discussion of the draft Policy, while reaffirming the importance of moving the Policy forward for approval in a timely manner.

It was agreed that members should submit any comments on the Policy package in writing to the Committee Recording Secretary by end of day on Monday, February 7, 2022. Comments will be included on the next agenda for the Committee.

It was noted that while all feedback and comments are welcome and will be given fair consideration, all may not be incorporated depending on their nature. It was also noted that following receipt and consideration of all comments received, a meeting of the Committee is to be scheduled to present revised documents with the goal of moving the Policy to the Standing Committee.

Staff to prepare a proposed timeline for moving the policy forward to board approval. The draft timeline is to be presented for consideration at the February 7, 2022 Standing Committee meeting.

The Committee reviewed and considered additional proposed revisions. Staff responded to questions of clarification asked by trustees.

### **8. Date of Next Meeting**

To be determined by email poll.

### **9. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.