

APPROVED

MINUTES

The Special Meeting of the Board

Monday, June 6, 2022

8:00 p.m.

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

1. Call to Order:

Roll Call: Trustee Carolyn Morton, Chair of the Board.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:07 p.m.

Members Present: Trustees Patrice Barnes, Michael Barrett, Chris Braney, Paul Crawford, Donna Edwards, Darlene Forbes, Niki Lundquist, Scott Templeton, Christine Thatcher, Student Trustees James Kay and De-Mario Knowles

Regrets: Student Trustee Kayla Malcolm

Officials Present: Director Norah Marsh, Associate Director's Jim Markovski and David Wright, Executive Lead Robert Cerjanec, General Legal Counsel Patrick Cotter, Superintendents Gary Crossdale, Georgette Davis, Erin Elmhurst, Mohamed Hamid, Margaret Lazarus, Andrea McAuley, Heather Mundy, Jack Nigro and Stephen Nevills

Recording Secretary: Gillian Venning

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this time.

3. Moment of Silence/Acknowledgement

Chair Carolyn Morton 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.

4. Adoption of Agenda

2022:SB12

MOVED by Chair Carolyn Morton

SECONDED by Trustee Donna Edwards

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

5. Recommended Action

(a) Trustee Matter

Chair Carolyn Morton confirmed receipt of a letter from Trustee Patrice Barnes resigning from the Board of Trustees effective Wednesday, June 8, 2022 due to her election as MPP for the Town of Ajax.

It was noted that should the resignation of Trustee Barnes be accepted additional matters will need to be put forward for discussion.

2022:SB13

MOVED by Trustee Michael Barrett

SECONDED by Trustee Donna Edwards

THAT THE BOARD ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF TRUSTEE BARNES.

CARRIED

Chair Carolyn Morton shared that with the acceptance of the resignation of Trustee Barnes, the Board would need to determine whether the Vacancy Committee would deal with this second vacancy under its current Terms of Reference.

2022:SB14

MOVED by Trustee Darlene Forbes

SECONDED by Trustee Michael Barrett

THAT THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE CURRENT VACANCY COMMITTEE NOW INCLUDE THE SECOND VACANCY CREATED BY THE RESIGNATION OF TRUSTEE BARNES.

CARRIED

(b) Waiver of Trustee Appointment Interview Provisions

Trustee Michael Barrett shared that based on staff recommendation, the Vacancy Committee has determined that the appointment for the vacancies will occur at the June 20, 2022 Board Meeting and that the interviews will be held on June 16, 2022. It was noted that the current by-laws provide that the vacancy committee “shall establish the interview date and the schedule of interviews” but also indicates that the interviews are to be on a Monday and are to be completed by 4:30 p.m.

2022:SB15

MOVED by Trustee Michael Barrett

SECONDED by Trustee Donna Edwards

THAT THE BOARD SUSPEND THE RULE THAT THE INTERVIEWS OCCUR ON A MONDAY AND THAT THEY BE COMPLETED BY 4:30 P.M., SO THAT THE COMMITTEE HAS FLEXIBILITY TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PROCESS IN A TIMELY WAY.

CARRIED

(c) Election of Audit Committee Member

Chair Carolyn Morton noted that due to the recent resignation of Trustee Linda Stone, there is a vacancy on the Audit Committee and asked for the nomination of a trustee to serve on the Audit Committee for the remainder of the current term.

Nominations for the position of Audit Committee member were opened.

Trustee Donna Edwards self-nominated.

After three calls for additional nominations and seeing none, nominations for the position of Audit Committee member were closed.

Trustee Donna Edwards was acclaimed to the position of Audit Committee member.

(d) Election of Alternate Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Member

Chair Carolyn Morton noted that due to the recent resignations of Trustee Linda Stone there is a vacancy on the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) for an alternate member and asked for the nomination of a trustee to serve on SEAC as an alternate member for the remainder of the current term.

Nominations for the position of SEAC alternate member were opened.

Trustee Christine Thatcher self-nominated.

After three calls for additional nominations and seeing none, nominations for the position of SEAC alternate member were closed.

Trustee Christine Thatcher was acclaimed for the position of SEAC alternate member.

(e) Election of OPSBA Voting Member

Trustee Donna Edwards noted that due to the resignation of Trustee Patrice Barnes, there is not a voting member available to represent the DDSB at the upcoming OPSBA annual general meeting.

Trustee Donna Edwards put forth a recommendation that Trustee Michael Barrett serve as the voting member on OPSBA for the period covering the annual general meeting on June 9 – 11, 2022.

Nominations for the position of OPSBA voting member were opened.

Trustee Michael Barrett self-nominated.

After three calls for additional nominations and seeing none, nominations for the position of OPSBA voting member were closed.

Trustee Michael Barrett was acclaimed for the position of OPSBA voting member.

(f) Director's Search Ad Hoc Committee

Chair Carolyn Morton noted that Director Norah Marsh has informed the Board that she will be retiring by the end of the calendar year and noted the importance of forming a Director's Search Ad Hoc Committee to begin the work of recruiting and hiring a new Director over the summer months.

It was further noted that should the Board decide to establish a Director's Search Ad Hoc Committee, that the first meeting of the Committee take place in-camera right after the Vacancy Committee meeting this evening.

2022:SB16

MOVED by Trustee Christine Thatcher

SECONDED by Trustee Patrice Barnes

THAT, IN LIGHT OF DIRECTOR MARSH'S UPCOMING RETIREMENT, THE BOARD ESTABLISH AN AD HOC COMMITTEE WITH TERMS OF REFERENCE TO OVERSEE AND UNDERTAKE ANY AND ALL STEPS THE

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COMMITTEE DEEMS APPROPRIATE IN THE SEARCH FOR A NEW DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES (COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, CLOSED SESSION) WITH A RECOMMENDATION AS TO THE PREFERRED CANDIDATE(S) FOR THE BOARD'S CONSIDERATION AND DETERMINATION. THIS REPORT BACK SHOULD BE MADE BY NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 31, 2022. IF ANY DELAY IS ENCOUNTERED, THE COMMITTEE IS TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD SO THAT AN AMENDED DATE MAY BE CONSIDERED.

CARRIED

6. Adjournment

Prior to adjournment, Trustee Patrice Barnes thanked the Board and staff for their support and guidance in her role as trustee over the past eight years and expressed her sincere appreciation for the opportunity to serve the DDSB.

2022:SB17

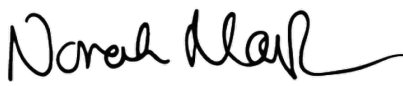
THAT THE MEETING DOES NOW ADJOURN.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.



Chair



Secretary