

APPROVED

MINUTES

The Special Meeting of the Board

Tuesday, September 3, 2024

6:30 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 6:32 p.m.

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

Regrets: Trustee Mark Jacula

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

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:SB41

MOVED by Trustee Emma Cunningham

SECONDED by Trustee Stephen Linton

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

5. Recommended Actions

(a) Amendments to Bylaws

General Counsel Patrick Cotter provided trustees with an overview of the proposed changes to the Board's Bylaws, which are being made in order to comply with new legislative requirements related to in-person and electronic meeting attendance for trustees.

Trustee questions were answered.

2024:SB42

MOVED by Trustee Donna Edwards

SECONDED by Trustee Emma Cunningham

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ADOPT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS AS SET OUT IN THE AGENDA, SUBJECT TO THE ADDITIONAL CHANGES SHOWN ON-SCREEN BROUGHT FORWARD BY TRUSTEE EDWARDS.

CARRIED

2024:SB43

MOVED by Trustee Deb Oldfield

SECONDED by Trustee Emma Cunningham

THAT THIS BOARD REQUEST ITS OPSBA REPRESENTATIVES TO RAISE OUR CONCERNS AND TO REQUEST THAT OBSPA SURVEY MEMBER BOARDS FOR ANY ISSUES THEY FORESEE COMING OUT OF THESE NEW REGULATIONS.

CARRIED

(b) Amendments to Board Member Code of Conduct

General Counsel Patrick Cotter provided trustees with an overview of the proposed changes to the Board Member Code of Conduct, which are being made in order to comply with new legislative requirements related to receipt of gifts and use of confidential information by trustees.

Trustee questions were answered.

2024:SB44

MOVED by Trustee Carolyn Morton

SECONDED by Trustee Donna Edwards

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ADOPT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BOARD MEMBER CODE OF CONDUCT AS NOTED IN THE APPENDIX B OF THE REPORT.

CARRIED

6. Adjournment

2024:SB45

MOVED by Trustee Tracy Brown

SECONDED by Trustee Shailene Panylo

THAT THE MEETING DOES NOW ADJOURN.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Chair



Secretary

