

**Report of the Durham District School Board  
Standing Committee Public Session  
September 3, 2024**

A meeting of the Standing Committee of the Durham District School Board was held on this date.

1. Call to Order:

The Chair of Standing Committee, Deb Oldfield called the meeting to order at 7:24 p.m.

Roll Call: Chair Deb Oldfield

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

Regrets: Trustee Mark Jacula

Officials Present: Director of Education Camille Williams-Taylor, Associate Directors Jim Markovski, David Wright, General Counsel Patrick Cotter (virtual), Superintendents Michael Bowman, Georgette Davis, 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 Deb Oldfield gave the Land Acknowledgment: The Durham District School Board acknowledges that many Indigenous Nations have longstanding relationships, both historic and modern, with the territories upon which our school board and schools are located. Today, this area is home to many Indigenous peoples from across Turtle Island. 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. Motion to Approve the Agenda

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MOVED by Trustee Emma Cunningham

SECONDED by Trustee Tracy Brown

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

5. Recommended Actions

(a) Approval of the Standing Committee Minutes, June 3, 2024

Trustee Deb Oldfield presented the minutes from the June 3, 2024 Standing Committee Meeting.

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MOVED by Trustee Shailene Panylo

SECONDED by Trustee Tracy Brown

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 3, 2024 STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING  
BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

6. Information Items

(a) Student Trustee Report

Student Trustees Kayla Hoare, Nitishan Poopalasundaram and Shampavi Vijayakumar introduced themselves and provided an overview of their upcoming Student Senate planning meetings.

(b) OPSBA Update

Trustee Donna Edwards provided an overview of OPSBA's 2023-2024 annual report and the Canadian School Board Association (CSBA) and Ontario Public School Board Association's (OPSBA) Annual General Meeting that took place July 3-5, 2024, including regional elections.

(c) Trustee Professional Learning Report: Canadian Congress of Black  
Parliamentarians Conference

On behalf of Trustees Tracy Brown, Stephen Linton, and Shailene Panylo, Trustee Kelly Miller provided an overview of DDSB trustees' attendance at the August 2024 Canadian Congress of Black Parliamentarians Conference. It was noted that attendees unanimously voted to change the name of the event in the future to: Canadian Congress of Black Politicians.

7. Correspondence

(a) Response Letter from Ministry of Education: Education Development Charge  
Legislation

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Trustee Deb Oldfield provided a summary of DDSB's March 2024 letter to the Ministry of Education regarding removal of the cap on Education Development Charges and the Ministry's subsequent response.

Trustee questions were answered.

8. Memos

(a) 2425:48, Early Reading Screeners

(b) 2425:49, 2024-2025 School Year Start

The memos were shared for information. Trustee questions were answered.

9. Adjournment

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MOVED by Trustee Deb Oldfield

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:41 p.m.

  
Chair

  
Secretary