
Trustees: Kathy Archer*, Becky Buck^(R), Sabreina Dahab, Dawn Danko, Amanda Fehrman, Maria Felix Miller, Graeme Noble*, Paul Tut, Todd White*, Elizabeth Wong, and Abby Zaitley.

Student Trustees Oluwafikunayomi (Fikun) Alabi*, Victoria Li^(R) and Shakowennakara:tats Daunte Hillen.

*electronic participation, ^(R) regrets

1. Call to Order

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

2. Swearing In Ceremony – Ward 4 Trustee

Mark Zega, the Board's Solicitor, officiated the Declaration of the Oath of Allegiance with Trustee Zaitley.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Trustees Danko/Fehrman moved that the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

Student Trustee Alabi and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

4. Confirmation of the Minutes

RESOLUTION #25-01: Trustees Wong/Tut moved that the Minutes from December 16, 2024, be confirmed.

CARRIED

Student Trustee Alabi and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

5. Finance & Facilities

RESOLUTION #25-02: Trustees Tut/Danko moved that the Finance & Facilities Committee report from December 17, 2024, be received.

CARRIED

Student Trustee Alabi and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

6. Human Resources

RESOLUTION #25-03: Trustees Danko/Wong moved that the Human Resources Committee report from January 15, 2025, be received.

CARRIED

Student Trustee Alabi and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

7. Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)

RESOLUTION #25-04: Trustees Fehrman/Tut moved that the Parent Involvement Committee report from December 10, 2024, be received.

CARRIED

Student Trustee Alabi and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

8. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

RESOLUTION #25-05: Trustees Danko/Fehrman moved that the Special Education Advisory Committee report from December 18, 2024, be received.

CARRIED

Student Trustee Alabi and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

9. Resolution into Committee of the Whole (Private Session)

RESOLUTION #25-06: Trustees Fehrman/Danko moved that the board move into Committee of the Whole (Private Session) as per the Education Act, Section 207.2

CARRIED

Student Trustee Alabi and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

10. Report from Committee of the Whole (Private) – January 27, 2025

RESOLUTION #25-07: Trustees Tut/Fehrman moved that the Committee of the Whole report be approved including a land severance at the southeast corner of the Sir John A MacDonald site (Finance & Facilities Committee Report – December 17, 2024).

CARRIED

Student Trustee Alabi and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

RESOLUTION #25-08: That the Human Resources Committee report from January 15, 2025, be received.

CARRIED

Student Trustee Alabi and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen did not participate in vote.

11. Hamilton Foundation for Student Success

Trustee Fehrman provided an update:

- Student Support Grants - paused as of December 31, 2024, due to insufficient funding.
- Prom Project Hamilton - Saturday, April 5, 2025, at Sir Winston Churchill. Donations of new and gently used formal wear are currently being collected.

12. Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA)

Trustee Fehrman provided an update:

- Public Education Symposium (PES) - took place January 25-26, 2025 and included workshops on the current political landscape in Ontario, Core Education Funding, Trustee Code of Conduct, Director's Performance Appraisal, Jordan's Principle, Understanding Unconscious Bias, Healthy Democracy and more.

13. Student Trustees' and Shakowennakara:tats Report

Student Trustee Alabi provided an update:

- On January 9, 2025, she was publicly announced as a nominee for the YMCA Young Trailblazer Award. It was a great experience seeing how women can inspire each other with their work in the Hamilton Community.
- Ongoing discussions with Executive Council and Trustees on support for international students.

Shakowennakara:tats Hillen provided an update:

- Attended the PES Conference and had the privilege to hear the former National Chief of the Assembly give a talk on First Nations sovereignty and life in occupied homelands.
- Black History Month begins in February and provides opportunities to learn, support and embrace black student excellence.

14. Director's Report

Director Sheryl Robinson Petrazzini presented the [Director's Report](#) which highlighted the following:

- 2023-2024 Director's Annual Report
- 2024-2025 Board Improvement Plan
- Welcome to Abby Zaitley – HWDSB's Ward 4 Trustee.
- HWDSB in the Community
 - 541 Eatery and Exchange
 - Empowerment Squared
 - Wisemer Awards for Coaching

15. Chair's Report

Chair Miller acknowledged and welcomed Trustee Zaitley to the Board of Trustees as the Ward 4 Trustee. She thanked the trustees who participated in the recent Public Education Symposium (PES) conference.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Reference: [Agenda Package](#), and [Recording](#)