

Trustees: Kathy Archer*, Becky Buck*, Sabreina Dahab, Dawn Danko^(R), Amanda Fehrman, Maria Felix Miller, Graeme Noble, Paul Tut, Todd White, Elizabeth Wong, Abby Zaitley. Student Trustees Oluwafikunayomi (Fikun) Alabi^(R), Victoria Li^(R), and Shakowennakara:tats Daunte Hillen.

*electronic participation, ^(R) regrets

1. Call to Order

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Shakowennakara:tats Daunte Hillen led a moment of silence in recognition of May 5th being National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Trustees Tut/Wong moved that the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

3. Confirmation of the Minutes

RESOLUTION #25-32: Trustees Tut/Noble moved that the Minutes from April 7, 2025, be confirmed.

CARRIED

Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

4. Human Resources Committee

RESOLUTION #25-33: Trustees Wong/Tut moved that the Human Resources Committee report from April 1, 2025 be received.

CARRIED

Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

5. Policy Committee

RESOLUTION #25-34: Trustees Dahab/Tut moved that the Policy Committee report from April 10, 2025, be approved, including the Property Disposition and Transportation policies.

CARRIED

Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

6. Governance Committee

RESOLUTION #25-35: Trustees Buck/Wong moved that the Governance Committee report from April 14, 2025, be approved, including that the Governance Committee continue to serve as the committee responsible for conducting the annual performance appraisal of the Director of Education, as prescribed by O. Reg. 83/24.

CARRIED

Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

7. Finance & Facilities Committee

RESOLUTION #25-36: Trustees Tut/Fehrman moved that the Finance & Facilities Committee report from April 17, 2025, be approved including that the New Waterdown Elementary School and New Binbrook II

Elementary School Boundary Reviews commence in the Fall of 2025, in accordance with the Board's approved Boundary Review Policy in affect at the commencement of the Boundary Reviews.

CARRIED

Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

8. Program Committee

RESOLUTION #25-37: Trustees Fehrman/Wong moved that the Program Committee report from April 22, 2025, be received.

CARRIED

Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

9. Parent Involvement Committee

RESOLUTION #25-38: Trustees Fehrman/Tut moved that the Parent Involvement Committee report from April 8, 2025, be received.

CARRIED

Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

10. Faith Community Advisory Committee

RESOLUTION #25-39: Trustees Buck/Tut moved that the Faith Community Advisory Committee report from April 15, 2025, be received.

CARRIED

Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

11. School Year Calendar – October 2025 Professional Activity Day – Date Change

RESOLUTION #25-40: Trustees Noble/White moved that the 2025-2026 School Year Calendar be approved by amending the Professional Activity Day scheduled for Monday, October 20, 2025, to Friday, October 24, 2025.

CARRIED

Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

12. Appointment to Trustee Special Committees – Human Resources and Policy

Trustee Zaitley self-nominated to be a member of both the Human Resources and Policy Trustee Special Committees.

RESOLUTION #25-41: That Trustee Zaitley be appointed to the Human Resources and Policy Trustee Special Committees.

CARRIED

Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

13. Appointment to Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) – Board of Directors & Voting Delegate and Alternate

Trustee Wong nominated Trustee Buck as the OPSBA Board of Directors & Voting Delegate. Trustee Buck accepted the nomination.

Trustee Wong nominated Trustee Fehrman as the OPSBA Alternate. Trustee Fehrman accepted the nomination.

RESOLUTION #25-42: That Trustee Buck be appointed as the OPSBA Board of Directors and Voting delegate and that Trustee Fehrman be appointed as the OPSBA Alternate.

CARRIED

Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

14. Reports from Committee of the Whole (Private) – May 5, 2025

RESOLUTION #25-43: Trustees Tut/Fehrman moved that the Committee of the Whole report from May 5, 2025, be approved, including:

- That the Human Resources Committee report from April 1, 2025, be received.
- That the Finance & Facilities Committee report from April 17, 2025, be received.

15. Hamilton Foundation for Student Success

Trustee Fehrman provided an update noting that the HFSS Board of Directors met on April 9, 2025, and it was resolved that the Student Support Grant program be reopened in a modified format, effective April 14, 2025, with a total of \$60,000 available for distribution. The grant program will remain open until funds are fully allocated or until May 15, 2025, whichever occurs first.

16. Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA)

Trustee Buck provided an update noting that the Board of Director's Meeting was May 2-3, 2025.

Discussion items were as follows:

- The Annual General Meeting will be held in Niagara-on-the-Lakes June 12-14.
- OPSBA First Vice President By-Election – The by-election is scheduled for the AGM on June 13.
- Call for nominations for other OPSBA elected positions:
 - Regional Chair
 - Regional Vice-Chair
 - 2 regional representatives and one alternate on the Policy Development Work Group
 - 2 regional representatives and one alternate on the Education Program Work Group
- Ontario Education Services Corporation (OESC) Essential Governance 2025 Training Program is available online

17. Shakowennakara:tats Hillen report

Shakowennakara:tats Hillen provided the following verbal update:

- REDress Day, a National Day for Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, Two Spirit, Transgender, and Gender Diverse People (MMIWG2S+).
 - This day is a powerful reminder of the lives that were taken, families that are forever changed and the urgent work still needed to bring justice and protection to indigenous communities.
- Recently participated as a youth panelist at a community gathering hosted by the Hamilton Community Foundation, Niiwin Advisory Services, to speak about personal experiences of raising student voice and reflecting on reciprocity and what it means from an Indigenous Education lens.

18. Director's Report

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

- Schools Visits
- HWDSB in the Community
- Sikh Heritage Month
- Celebrating HWDSB in the News

- April's Days of Significant
- Education Week! (May 5-9) – The beauty of belonging: What really drives student achievement (article in The Hamilton Spectator)

19. Chair's Report

Chair Miller provided the following update:

- Shared gratitude to everyone at this table who spent the last month connecting and working out in the Community, meeting people and being representatives of HWDSB.
- Trustees were encouraged to email their MPP and invite them to *Take Your MPP to School Day* May 20-23, 2025.

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

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