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

*electronic participation, ^(R) regrets

1. Call to Order

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Trustees Tut/Fehrman moved that the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

Student Trustees Alabi, Li and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

3. Confirmation of the Minutes

RESOLUTION #25-44: Trustees Dahab/White moved that the Minutes from May 5, 2025, be confirmed.

CARRIED

Student Trustees Alabi, Li and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

4. Correspondence: D. Jerome, OSSTF D21 re: Public Education

RESOLUTION #25-45: Trustees White/Danko moved that the correspondence from OSSTF D21 regarding Public Education funding be referred to the Finance and Facilities Committee for further review with the identification of gaps and needs for students once core education funding is reviewed.

CARRIED

Student Trustees Alabi, Li and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

5. Policy Committee

RESOLUTION #25-46: Trustees Dabab/Tut moved that the Policy Committee report from May 1, 2025, be approved including Occupational Health & Safety Policy, Workplace Violence & Harassment Prevention Policy and Whistleblower Policy.

CARRIED

Student Trustees Alabi, Li and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

6. Finance & Facilities Committee

RESOLUTION #25-47A: Trustees White/Danko moved that the following clause be added regarding Bernie Custis

- That staff be directed to engage with the City of Hamilton in identifying alternative parking options for Bernie Custis Secondary School.

CARRIED

Student Trustees Alabi, Li and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

RESOLUTION #25-47B: Trustees White/Danko moved the following amendment to bullet c (bold)

- That staff be directed to first engage with the **City of Hamilton regarding the heritage status of the King George site, and then follow up with the Ministry of Education** to determine the feasibility of purchasing the property known as King George School, for the purpose of constructing an artificial turf field, and report back with findings.

CARRIED

Student Trustees Alabi, Li and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

Resolution # 25-48: Trustees Tut/Buck moved that the Finance & Facilities Committee from May 6, 2025, be approved, including:

Bernie Custis Secondary School Outdoor Space *as amended*

- a. That staff be directed to work with City staff to determine the feasibility of constructing an artificial turf green space in partnership with the City on the existing greenspace immediately adjacent to Bernie Custis Secondary School, which is owned and maintained by the City, and report back.
- b. That staff be directed to engage with City staff to determine the feasibility of Bernie Custis Secondary School being an equal tenant user of Tim Horton's Field, and report back.
- c. That staff be directed to first engage with the **City of Hamilton regarding the heritage status of the King George site, and then follow up with the Ministry of Education** to determine the feasibility of purchasing the property known as King George School, for the purpose of constructing an artificial turf field, and report back with findings.
- d. **That staff be directed to engage with the City of Hamilton in identifying alternative parking options for Bernie Custis Secondary School**

Capital Budget

- That the 2025-2026 Capital Budget be approved at a total of amended number \$95,328,000.

CARRIED

Student Trustees Alabi, Li and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

7. Governance Committee

RESOLUTION #25-49: Trustees Buck/White moved that the Governance Committee report from May 12, 2025, be approved including the Board Meeting Dates for 2025-2026 and the Trustee Professional Development Schedule for 2025-2026 be approved including a Trustee/Executive Council Retreat and Information Sessions on Finance, Policy Development and Support Departments (Facilities Services, Information Technology, Human Resources, Indigenous Education and Continuing Education).

2025	2026
September 8 (Tentative Board Meeting Date)	January 12, 26
September 29	
October 6, 27	February 9, 23
November 17 (Organizational Board), 24	March 9, 30
December 8 (Tentative Board Meeting Date)	April 13, 27
December 15	May 11, 26
	June 8, 15
	June 22 (Tentative Board Meeting Date)

CARRIED

Student Trustees Alabi, Li and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

8. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

RESOLUTION #25-50: Trustees Danko/Fehrman moved that the Special Education Advisory Committee report from April 30, 2025, be received.

CARRIED

Student Trustees Alabi, Li and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

9. Rural Schools Advisory Committee

RESOLUTION #25-51: Trustees Fehrman/Buck moved that the Rural Schools Advisory Committee report from April 30, 2025, be received.

CARRIED

Student Trustees Alabi, Li and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

10. Terms of Reference: Joint City of Hamilton and Hamilton-Wentworth DSB Liaison Committee

RESOLUTION #25-52: Trustees Danko/Buck moved that the Joint City of Hamilton and Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board Liaison Committee Terms of Reference be approved.

CARRIED

Student Trustees Alabi, Li and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

11. Student Trustees' and Shakowennakara:tats report

Shakowennakara:tats Hillen provided a verbal update:

- May 25, 2025, was International Missing Children's Day – a powerful reminder of the urgent need for justice, accountability and healing. Continued advocacy is needed for systemic change, to support impacted families and ensure that indigenous children are protected, honoured never forgotten.
- Recently attended OSTA-AECO conference and was elected as next years Chair to the Indigenous Student Trustee Council.

Student Trustees Alabi and Li provided a verbal update:

- May 23-25th attended the OSTA-AECO conference alongside current and incoming student trustees. Discussions highlighted many actionable steps and shared strategies to support student mental health and diverse education contexts.
- OSTA-AECO is currently working on a 2025-2026 student trustees handbook to guide them on how to advocate for equity, diversity and inclusion within their school boards.
- Student Senate currently working on mental health initiatives as well as a student senate handbook in preparation for the following school year – aiming to provide stronger foundation for student leaders and prioritize wellness as a key focus.

12. Director's Report

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

- **Growing Together at HWDSB:** visits to Sir William Osler, Greensville, Billy Green, Orchard Park
- **Continuous Learning – Community voice:** currently receiving feedback on the 2025 Program Strategy Review survey
- **Continuous Learning – Principal and Vice Principal:** launched the second part of the HWDSB Brand – BE YOU. BE EXCELLENT so students can flourish while being authentically themselves.
- **History is made at HWDSB:** Shai Gilgeous-Alexander (former student at Sir Allen McNab) as he was named NBA MVP and was honoured by the school with a mural.

13. Chair's Report

Chair Miller acknowledged and thanked D. Jerome for writing the correspondence letter re: Public Education, and to staff and students that participated in the learning for trustees related to Mental Health in Schools. The Chair also thanked trustees for the ongoing work with their councillors and encouraged them to reach out to invite their new MPP's and continue building relationships with different levels of government.

On behalf of the Board and Staff, Chair Miller congratulated Shakowennakara: tats Hillen on his recent election as Chair to the Indigenous Student Trustee Council with OSTA-AECO.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

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