



## Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board Minutes

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**Date:** Tuesday, December 14, 2021  
**Location:** Muskoka Education Centre  
**Present:** D. Alton, S. Binstock, G. Brohman, J. Byrne, L. Clodd, A. Evans-Turnbull, B. Hunter, D. Morrison, B. Reain, J. Saunders, C. Wilcox  
**Administration:** J. Andreasen, C. Bull, T. Ellis, P. Goldring, W. Hahn, T. Hubbert, J. Johnston, J. MacJanet, D. Raglin, K. Williams

### 1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

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### 3 Land Acknowledgement

Trustee Brohman shared the Land Acknowledgement.

### 4 Declaration of Possible Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

### 5 Elections

#### 5.1 Chair

Director and Secretary of the Board Wes Hahn presided over the election of Chair.

- Trustee Saunders nominated Trustee Reain as Chair of the Board.
- There were no further nominations for Chair.
- Trustee Reain was acclaimed as Chair of the Board.

Chairperson Reain presided over the remainder of the agenda.

#### 5.2 Vice Chair

- Trustee Wilcox nominated Trustee Morrison as Vice Chair of the Board.
- Trustee Alton nominated Trustee Binstock as Vice Chair of the Board.
- There were no further nominations for Vice Chair of the Board.
- Each nominee was provided with up to five minutes to speak.

Trustee Binstock was named as Vice Chair of the Board.

### **5.3 Past Chair**

As the most recent Past Chair of the Board, Trustee Clodd resumed the role of Past Chair.

Motion #21-12-35

Moved by Trustee Byrne, Seconded by Trustee Brohman that the ballots be destroyed.  
Carried.

## **6 Approval of Agenda/ Additions**

Motion # 21-12-36

Moved by Trustee Byrne, seconded by Trustee Clodd, that the agenda be approved.  
Carried.

## **7 Administrative Reports**

### **7.1 Administrative Reports for Action- Written**

#### **9.1.a Board Meeting Schedule 2022**

Director Hahn shared the draft Board Meeting and Committee of the Whole Meeting schedule for 2022.

Considerations related to meeting locations and COVID-19 protocols and restrictions were discussed.

While COVID-19 restrictions remain in place, meetings will continue to occur at MEC or via a virtual meeting (if necessary); the location schedule presented with the report will be followed in the event that COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

Motion # 21-12-37

Moved by Trustee Saunders, seconded by Trustee Morrison, that until such time that the Board By-Laws undergo a fulsome review, specifically in reference to the locations of Committee of the Whole Meetings as listed in By-Law 6 and Board Meetings as listed in By-Law 2, that for the 2022 schedule Trustees approve that Committee of the Whole meetings can be scheduled between Lindsay Education Centre, Muskoka Education Centre, and an accessible location in Minden or Haliburton area, and Board Meetings can be scheduled between Lindsay Education Centre and Muskoka Education Centre.  
Carried.

Motion # 21-12-38

Moved by Trustee Wilcox, seconded by Trustee Brohman, that the schedule of Regular Board Meetings and Committee of the Whole Board Meetings for 2022 be approved as presented, with the understanding that the published meeting location for each meeting may need to change to the Muskoka Education Centre or to a virtual option if required to comply with COVID-19 distancing or other protocols as dictated by the Ministry of Education and/or Chief Medical Officer of Health and/or local Public Health Unit(s).  
Carried.

## **8 System Update**

### **8.1 Director's Update**

Director Hahn shared the following updates with Trustees

- Feed All Four Fundraising and Jersey Day
  - Director Hahn shared that \$8454 was raised by TLDSB schools as part of the November 19 Jersey Day Initiative.
  
- COVID-19 Update
  - Director Hahn shared the most recent COVID-19 data with Trustees, including information about community and school-based cases, and a comparison to the data shared in the last Board Meeting Report.
  - The Ministry of Education has provided a rapid antigen testing kit for every student in the province for use over the holiday break. The testing kit and instructions for use will be sent home with students on Thursday, December 16 for student use over the holidays
  - Director Hahn advised that if there are any changes over the holiday break related to the planned return to school on January 3, 2022, TLDSB will communicate information to all staff and families as soon as possible.
  
- Return to regular semester schedule
  - Director Hahn advised that as announced by the Board last week, TLDSB will be moving from a Quadmester schedule (2 classes per day) to a regular semester schedule (4 classes per day) effective February 7, 2022
  - Minister of Education Stephen Lecce announced in November 2021 that school boards were able to return to a semester schedule as long as not directed otherwise by local public health units based on epidemiology
  - High vaccination rates and a low number of cases in secondary schools were factors considered
  - Secondary schools were not required to be cohorted this school year, even in the Quadmester model, therefore this was not a restriction that had to be considered as part of the decision
  - Superintendent Williams shared that a measured approach was taken in relation to decision making, with input sought from Administrators, staff, and students regarding the pros and cons of both models
  - The final decision was made in the best interest of student learning

### **8.2 2020-2021 Board Annual Report**

Director Hahn and Superintendents Ellis, Goldring, Hubbert, Johnston, MacJanet, and Williams shared an overview and highlights of the Board Annual Report for 2020-2021 with Trustees.

The 2020-2021 Annual Report can be accessed on the Board's website.

## **9 Trustee Reports**

### **9.1 Student Trustee Report**

#### **9.1.a G7 Student Senate Report**

Student Trustee Alexia Evans-Turnbull shared an update with Trustees regarding plans, activities and initiatives of the G7 Student Senate. Student Trustee Evans-Turnbull also shared the she will be serving on the OSTA-AECO Equity Committee this year.

### **9.2 Trustee Committee Reports for Information-Verbal**

#### **10.3.a OPSBA Report**

Trustee Clodd shared information regarding recent activities of OPSBA.

### **9.3 Trustee Additions to the Agenda**

There were no Trustee Additions to the Agenda.

## **10 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

## **11 Public Questions and Comments**

As public access to the meeting was via livestream, questions or comments were to be directed to [info@tldsb.on.ca](mailto:info@tldsb.on.ca)

## **12 Adjournment**

Motion # 21- 12-39

Moved by Trustee Clodd, seconded by Trustee Morrison, that the Board of Trustees do now adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

Carried.

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Bruce Reain, Chairperson of the Board

Wes Hahn, Director of Education

Jen Andreasen, Recording Secretary

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