
Trustees: Kathy Archer, Becky Buck, Sabreina Dahab, Dawn Danko, Amanda Fehrman, Maria Felix Miller, Graeme Noble, 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 7:10 p.m.

2. Celebration of Student Trustee Leadership

The Chair of the Board, Director and Student Trustee Mentor shared comments on behalf of the Board of Trustees and staff, thanking Student Trustees Li, Alabi, and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen for their contributions as student leaders this year. The students were commended for their innovation, creativity, and ability to advocate for student issues while staying true to themselves. Speakers remarked that the students embody HWDSB's core values and for their remarkable contributions, which continue to inspire and elevate the standard for student leadership each year.

Shakowennakara:tats Hillen was recognized for his advocacy and leadership, including co-leading Joy Day, participating in community engagement, and being named Chair of the Indigenous Student Trustee Council.

Student Trustee Alabi was praised for strong advocacy and leadership at Orchard Park, receiving multiple awards, and heading to Carleton University to study Aerospace Engineering.

Student Trustee Li was commended for her planning and coordination as a student trustee, continuing a family legacy, and heading to McMaster University to study Life Sciences.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Trustees Danko/White moved that the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

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

4. Confirmation of the Minutes

RESOLUTION #25-62: Trustees Danko/Zaitley moved that the minutes from June 9, 2025, be confirmed.

CARRIED

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

5. Audit Committee

RESOLUTION #25-63: Trustees Danko/Archer moved that the Audit Committee report from June 4, 2025, be received.

6. Program Committee

RESOLUTION #25-64: Trustees Danko/Noble moved that the motion be amended (bold text):

- That a Working Group be formed and co-led by the Indigenous Education Lead, **to explore the opportunities for** a new K-12 Indigenous School in HWDSB, driven by and alongside the local Indigenous community with **updates to Trustees.**

The motion was **CARRIED** on the following division:

In Favour (9): Trustees Buck, Dahab, Danko, Fehrman, Miller, Noble, White, Wong, Zaitley
Student Trustees Alabi, Li and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

Opposed (2): Trustees Archer and Tut

RESOLUTION #25-65: Trustees Fehrman/Wong moved that the Program Committee report from June 5, 2025, be approved as amended including that a Working Group be formed and co-led by the Indigenous Education Lead, to explore the opportunities for a new K-12 Indigenous School in HWDSB, driven by and alongside the local Indigenous community with updates to Trustees.

CARRIED

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

7. Finance & Facilities

RESOLUTION #25-66: Trustees Tut/Noble moved that the Finance & Facilities Committee report from June 10, 2025, be approved including that:

- Staff provide an updated report on the projected costs of a gymnasium expansion at Billy Green Elementary School, including any changes to site plans, costing assumptions, or Ministry funding eligibility, and report back at the first Finance & Facilities Committee meeting of the 2025-2026 school year.
- The Board approve the 2025-2026 Operating Budget expenditures in the amount of \$750,803,443 and that the Associate Director, Business Services and Treasurer be authorized to proceed with the expenditure of funds (*Appendix C: 2025-2026 Summary of Expenditures by Economic Classification, June 10, 2025*)
- The Board approve the 2025-2026 Capital Budget expenditures in the amount of \$95,328,000 and that the Associate Director, Business Services and Treasurer be authorized to proceed with the expenditure of funds. The Associate Director, Business Services and Treasurer is further authorized to secure short-term financing for project expenditures until such time as permanent funding is secured, if required. (*Appendix D: 2025-2026 Capital Budget, June 10, 2025*)

CARRIED

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

8. Special Education Advisory Committee

RESOLUTION #25-67: Trustees Archer/Buck moved that the Special Education Advisory Committee report (SEAC) from June 11, 2025, be approved, including that Vanessa Doslea represent Lynwood Charlton Centre on SEAC.

CARRIED

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

Trustee Danko left the meeting and did not participate in this vote.

9. Reports from Committee of the Whole (Private) - June 16, 2025

RESOLUTION #25-68: Trustees Tut/Fehrman moved that the Committee of the Whole report from June 16, 2025, be approved, including:

- That the Audit Committee report from June 16, 2025, be approved, including the 2025-2026 Regional Internal Audit Plan.
- That the Minutes of Settlement between the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board and the Canadian Office and Professional Employees (COPE) Union, Local 527, regarding the mid-term amendment, be approved and amended effective the date of ratification to August 31, 2026, as per the School Boards Collective Bargaining Act.

- That the Governance Committee report from June 4, 2025, be approved.

CARRIED

Student Trustees Alabi, Li and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen did not participate in the vote.

10. Student Trustees' and Shakowennakara:tats report

Shakowennakara:tats Hillen provided a verbal update:

- June is National Indigenous History month – a time to celebrate the history, cultures and contributions of First Nations, Inuit, and Metis peoples.
- Youth Voices from Ontario video from OSTA-ACEO fall general meeting is now available to watch on YouTube.
- Earlier in May, represented OSTA-AECO at the Education Promise Summit.
- Shared appreciation to all that have supported him this past year, and looks forward to coming back next year for a second term.

Student Trustees Alabi and Li provided a verbal update:

- They brought forward their final report for the school year and reflected on their experiences as student Trustees with HWDSB. They shared their appreciation to everyone for the guidance, leadership and support throughout their term, noting it has been an honour to be the voice of students at HWDSB.

RESOLUTION #25-69: Trustees Wong/Buck moved to extend the meeting to 10:10 pm.

CARRIED

11. Director's Report

Sheryl Robinson Petrazzini presented the [Director's Update](#) which highlighted Our Values: Compassion, Dignity, Trust and JOY. The Director noted that at HWDSB, the work isn't just about outcomes, it's about how we engage and how we show up - with care, patience, kindness and love. She expressed her appreciation and admiration for the three Student Trustees who are such a beautiful representation of why they are student leaders in our system, and also offered her deep gratitude to the Chair, Trustees, staff and all members of the HWDSB community. She shared a quote from Maya Angelou "we delight in the beauty of the butterfly but rarely admit the changes it has gone through to achieve that beauty." This quote really speaks powerfully to the journey that we've been on together here at HWDSB.

12. Chair's Report

Chair Miller shared her update and provided thanks to the Board of Trustees, students, staff and our families for all their hard work this past school year and for the way they show up for our communities. On behalf of the Trustees and staff, she wished everyone a wonderful restorative and relaxing summer break and looked forward to seeing everyone in the Fall.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Reference: [Agenda Package](#), [Recording](#) and [Recording2](#)