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

\*electronic participation, <sup>(R)</sup> regrets

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## 1. Call to Order

Chair Tut called the meeting to order at 7:28 p.m.

## 2. Approval of the Agenda

**RESOLUTION #24-157:** Trustees Buck/Fehrman moved that the agenda be approved as amended to include the addition of a Committee of the Whole report.

**CARRIED**

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

## 3. Audit Committee

**RESOLUTION #24-158:** Trustees White/Buck moved that the Audit Committee report from November 12, 2024, be received.

**CARRIED**

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

## 4. Policy Committee

**RESOLUTION #24-159:** Trustees White/Buck moved that the Policy Committee report from November 7, 2024, be received.

**CARRIED**

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

## 5. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

**RESOLUTION #24-160:** Trustees Miller/Danko moved that the SEAC Committee report from October 30, 2024, be received.

**CARRIED**

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

## 6. Human Rights & Equity Community Advisory Committee

**RESOLUTION #24-161:** Trustees Dahab/Miller moved that the Human Rights & Equity Community Advisory Committee report from October 30, 2024, be received.

**CARRIED**

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

## 7. Rural Schools Community Advisory Committee

**RESOLUTION #24-162:** Trustees Noble/Dahab moved that the Rural Schools Advisory Committee report from October 30, 2024, be received.

**CARRIED**

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

## 8. Report from Community of the Whole (Private)

**RESOLUTION #24-163:** Trustees Buck/Fehrman moved that the Committee of the Whole report be approved including *that the tentative Collective Agreement between the Hamilton-Wentworth Occasional Teacher Local, Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario (HWOTL-ETFO), and Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) for the term of September 1, 2022, to August 31, 2026, be approved and amended as per the School Boards Collective Bargaining Act.*

**CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION #24-164:** Trustees Buck/Fehrman moved that the Committee of the Whole report be approved including that a personnel matter be approved.

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

In Favour (8): Trustees Buck, Miller, Fehrman, Noble, Tut, Wong, Danko and Archer

Opposed (2): Trustees White/Dahab

## 9. Student Trustees' and Shakowennakara:tats Report

Student Trustees Alabi and Li provided a verbal update:

- Attended the OSTA-AECO conference November 7-10, 2024, for a great time of learning and sharing ideas.
- Trustee Alabi had the pleasure of meeting with Kathy MacDonald and Michelle Rodney and had the privilege of sharing her role as a liaison between the caucus and OSTA.
- Currently working on an initiative charity event across HWDSB where high schools would donate 40% of their food donations to a children's charity. Deadline for collecting is December 10.

Shakowennakara:tats Hillen provided a verbal update:

- Today, November 25, 2024, is International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and this marks 16 days of activism against gender-based violence and ends on Human Right's Day – December 10, 2024. Every student deserves a safe place to learn, and we were challenged do our part to offer support and share awareness to end gender-based violence.
- Collaborating with a local artist, Alex Jacob Bloom to create our logo design.
- During the OSTA-AECO Fall general meeting, had the opportunity to connect with other student trustees on the Indigenous Student Trustee Council (ISTC) about our shared goals and incredible work being done by Indigenous student trustees province-wide. Honour to serve as the ISTC Secretary and share in this important work.
- Distinct honour of cutting the ribbon at the Sherwood Secondary School grand re-opening.

## 10. Director's Report

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

- Power of a Changed Life gala – to build, foster and maintain relationships within the Hamilton community.
- Thanked all who attended the Liberty For Youth – their work offers invaluable support to students by connecting them with caring adults in our community
- ACCA's 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – incredible to listen to founding members
- SCORE – a Hamilton initiative aimed at improving physical activities and self advocacy for newcomer children ages 5 to 11 years old.
- Sherwood's' official Open House – opening its door to the community to showcase the renewed and refurbished facility.

## **11. Chair's Report**

Chair Miller brought forth her report and shared her excitement regarding the collective bargaining update and to be able to support this work. She wanted to recognize our occasional staff for the work they do across so many different communities. A shout out to the Sherwood community; excited for the next chapter as they have a beautiful new space to exist and exceed in. She encouraged Trustees to register for the 2025 Public Education Symposium conference (PES) on January 23-25, 2025. She thanked Trustees and Vice Chair Tut for their support in her re-election noting that the support at the table has been incredible this past year and looks forward to the year ahead.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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