
Trustees: Kathy Archer*, Becky Buck, Sabreina Dahab, Dawn Danko, Amanda Fehrman, Maria Felix Miller, Graeme Noble, Paul Tut, Todd White, Elizabeth Wong*. Student Trustees Sanad Bizanti, Evelyn Watson, and Shakowennakara:tats Daunte Hillen.

*electronic participation, ^(R) regrets

1. Call to Order

Sheryl Robinson Petrazzini, Director of HWDSB, called the meeting to order at 6:22 pm.

2. Approval of the Agenda

RESOLUTION #25-89: Trustees Miller/Danko moved that the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

3. Appointment of Scrutineers

RESOLUTION #25-90: Trustees Tut/Miller moved: That Heather Miller and Matthew Gerard be appointed as scrutineers.

CARRIED

4. Election of the Chair

The Director called for nominations for the Chair of the Board. Trustee Tut nominated Trustee Miller for the position of Chair of the Board.

The Director called three times for nominations and no further nominations were received.

RESOLUTION #25-91: Trustees Buck/Fehrman moved to close nominations.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION #25-92: Trustees Tut/Buck moved that Trustee Miller be appointed as Chair of the Board.

The motion CARRIED on the following division:

In Favour (8): Archer, Buck, Danko, Fehrman, Noble, Tut, White, Wong

Opposed (2): Trustee Dahab, Zaitley

Trustee Miller thanked Trustee Tut for nominating her and all trustees who supported her election and took over as Chair.

5. Election of the Vice-Chair

The Chair called for nominations for the Vice-Chair of the Board. Trustee Buck nominated Trustee Tut as Vice Chair of the Board.

The Chair called three times for nominations and no further nominations were received.

RESOLUTION #25-93: Trustees Danko/Buck moved to close nominations.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION #25-94: Trustees Buck/Danko moved that Trustee Tut be appointed Vice-Chair of the Board.

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

In Favour (8): Archer, Buck, Danko, Fehrman, Miller, Noble, White, Wong

Opposed (2): Trustee Dahab, Zaitley

Trustee Tut thanked Trustee Buck for nominating him and all trustees who supported his election and assumed the Vice-Chair position.

6. Greetings from John Valvasori, Chair, Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board

On behalf of Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board, Chair John Valvasori extended warm greetings on behalf of his board and congratulated HWDSB's newly elected Chair Maria Felix Miller and Vice-Chair Paul Tut. He reflected on his long-standing connection to HWDSB, sharing personal and professional experiences spanning decades as a student, teacher, coach, and principal in Hamilton schools. Chair Valvasori emphasized the shared mission of both boards to provide the best education for students, noting that decisions on funding, policy, and governance must always center on the impact on students. In closing, Valvasori praised trustees for their dedication and service, affirming that their work is driven by a commitment to children and communities rather than personal gain, and wished HWDSB continued success in its efforts.

7. Appointments to Board Mandated Committees

RESOLUTION #25-95: Trustees Tut/Fehrman, moved that the appointments of the following Board Mandated Committees be approved.

- A. Standing Committee - All Trustees
- B. Suspensions Appeals & Expulsion Hearings - All Trustees
- C. Trustee Code of Conduct Review - First Alternate Trustee Noble & Second Alternate Trustee Buck
- D. Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) - Trustees Archer, Fehrman, and Zaitley
- E. Supervised Alternate Learning Committee (SAL) - Trustees Archer, Fehrman, Miller, and Zaitley
- F. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) - Trustees Danko and Miller

CARRIED

8. Appointments to Trustee Special Committees:

RESOLUTION #25-96: Trustees Zaitley/Dahab moved that the appointments to the following Trustee Special Committees be approved.

- A. Audit Committee - Trustees Danko, Tut, and White
- B. Finance and Facilities - Trustees Buck, Fehrman, Miller, Tut, and Zaitley
- C. Governance- Trustees Buck, Danko, Fehrman, Miller, and Tut
- D. Human Resources - Trustees Buck, Danko, and Zaitley
- E. Policy - Trustees Dahab, Miller, Noble, Wong, and Zaitley
- F. Program - Trustees Archer, Buck, Dahab, Fehrman, and Zaitley

CARRIED

9. Election of Committee Chairs for Trustee Special Committees:

RESOLUTION #25-97: Trustees Buck/Danko moved that the appointments of the following Chairs for Special Committees be approved.

- A. Finance and Facilities – Trustee Tut

Trustee Wong nominated *Trustee Tut* for Chair of Finance & Facilities.

The Chair called three times for nominations and no further nominations were received.

- B. Human Resources – Trustee Danko

Trustee Danko self-nominated for Chair of Human Resources.

The Chair called three times for nominations and no further nominations were received.

C. Policy – Trustee Dahab

Trustee Dahab self-nominated for Chair of Policy.

The Chair called three times for nominations and no further nominations were received.

D. Program – Trustee Fehrman

Trustee Wong nominated *Trustee Fehrman* for Chair of Program.

The Chair called three times for nominations and no further nominations were received.

CARRIED

10. Appointments to HWDSB Community Advisory Committees:

RESOLUTION #25-98: Trustees Tut/Buck, moved: That the appointments to the following HWDSB Community Advisory Committees be approved.

- A. Faith Community – Trustees Buck and Dahab
- B. French as a Second Language - Trustee Noble
- C. Human Rights and Equity - Trustees Dahab and Zaitley
- D. Rural Schools - Trustees Fehrman and Noble

CARRIED

11. Appointments as Liaison/Representatives to Associated Agencies:

RESOLUTION #25-99: Trustees Tut/Buck, moved: That the appointments to the following Liaison/Representatives to Associate Agencies be approved.

- A. City/School Board Liaison Committee – Trustees Miller, Tut, White
- B. Hamilton-Wentworth Council of Home & School Associations - Trustee Noble
- C. Hamilton Foundation for Student Success - Trustee Fehrman

CARRIED

12. Director's Remarks

Director Robinson Petrazzini expressed appreciation for the strong partnership between trustees and staff, describing HWDSB as a system rooted in collaboration, accountability, and a shared commitment to student success. She highlighted the board's accomplishments over the past year, including investments in school renewal, advocacy with government and community partners, strengthened community representation, and balanced fiscal leadership. The Director emphasized that these achievements reflect a deep focus on equity, excellence, and student well-being. She congratulated Chair Maria Felix Miller and Vice-Chair Paul Tut on their re-election, commending their steady leadership and ability to foster inclusive dialogue. Looking ahead, she reaffirmed the board's dedication to the Multi-Year Strategic Plan and priorities in human rights and Indigenous education, pledging continued collaboration to ensure every student experiences belonging, safety, and opportunity.

13. Chair's Remarks

Chair Miller expressed deep gratitude for the board's confidence in her continued leadership, noting the honour and responsibility of serving as chair during a challenging political landscape. She highlighted the diversity of strengths among trustees—from community engagement to policy expertise and fiscal oversight—and praised the collaborative spirit that has shaped the board's work. Chair Miller reflected on the Multi-Year Strategic Plan as a legacy of this board, emphasizing its impact across the system and its role in fostering belonging, achievement, and community connection. She commended trustees for their commitment to improvement and steady governance, acknowledged the vital contributions of staff and union partners, and extended appreciation to student trustees for amplifying student voice.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm

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