

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 Sanad Bizanti, Evelyn Watson, and Shakowennakara:tats Daunte Hillen.

*electronic participation, ^(R) regrets

1. Call to Order

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

RESOLUTION #26-60: Trustees Tut/Danko moved that the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

Student Bizanti, Watson and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

3. Confirmation of the Minutes

RESOLUTION #26-61A: Trustees Buck/Zaitley moved that the Minutes from April 13, 2026, be confirmed.

CARRIED

Student Trustees Bizanti, Watson and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

RESOLUTION #26-61B: Trustees Buck/Zaitley moved the Minutes from April 27, 2026, be confirmed.

CARRIED

Student Trustees Bizanti, Watson and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

4. Policy Committee

RESOLUTION #26-62: Trustees Dahab/Tut moved that the Policy Committee report from April 22, 2026, be approved including the Integrated Accessibility Standards Policy.

CARRIED

Student Trustees Bizanti, Watson and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

5. Program Committee

RESOLUTION #26-63: Trustees Fehrman/Tut moved that the Program Committee report from April 30, 2026, be received.

CARRIED

Student Trustees Bizanti, Watson and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

6. Governance Committee

RESOLUTION #26-64: Trustees Buck/Tut moved that the Governance Committee report from May 4, 2026, be approved including:

- Annual Performance Appraisal of the Director of Education completed by the Governance Committee
- Board Meetings, 2026-2027

2026	2027
September 14 (Tentative)	January 11 (Tentative)
September 28	January 25
October 5 (Tentative)	February 1 (Tentative)

October 19	February 22
November 9 (last meeting of the 2022-2026 term)	March 8 (Tentative)
November 16 (Inaugural Board)	March 22
November 30	
December 7 (Tentative)	April 5 (Tentative)
December 14	April 26
	May 10 (Tentative)
	May 31
	June 7 (Tentative)
	June 14
	June 28 (Tentative)

- Trustee Professional Development Sessions, 2026-2027.

CARRIED

Student Trustees Bizanti, Watson and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

RESOLUTION #26-65: Trustee Buck/Tut moved that the Governance Committee report from May 4, 2026, an update to the Reporting Section of the Trustee Code of Conduct Procedure be approved.

The following table is intended to illustrate the type of information that may be posted on the Board’s website, following receipt of an Integrity Commissioner’s final report, and updated in the case of an Appeal Panel Findings.

Report No.	Date Complaint Referred	IC Finding	Report*	Appeal Panel Finding
IC Report 123-456	Month, Date, Year	Breach found – no sanctions (list name of the Trustee - Respondent) *** Breach Found with sanctions (listed) (list name of the Trustee - Respondent)	View Report	
IC Report 789-012	Month, Date, Year	Dismissed (Report not posted) *** IC Refusal to Commence Investigation		

**Where an alleged breach of the Board’s Code or a determination regarding the breach involves any matters described in clauses 207(2) (a) to (e) of the Education Act;*

- no report will be posted; or
- applicable content shall be redacted.

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

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

Student Trustees Bizanti, Watson and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

Opposed (3): Trustees Dahab, Noble and White

7. Finance & Facilities Committee

RESOLUTION #26-66: Trustees Tut/Buck moved that the Finance & Facilities Committee report from May 5, 2026, be received.

CARRIED

Student Trustees Bizanti, Watson and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

8. Audit Committee

RESOLUTION #26-67: Trustees White/Danko moved that the Audit Committee Report from May 12, 2026, be received.

CARRIED

Student Trustees Bizanti, Watson and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

9. Parent Involvement Committee

RESOLUTION #26-68: Trustees Zaitley/Fehrman moved that the Parent Involvement Committee report from April 14, 2026, be received.

CARRIED

Student Trustees Bizanti, Watson and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

10. Faith Community Advisory Committee

RESOLUTION #26-69: Trustees Dahab/White moved that the Faith Community Advisory Committee report from April 28, 2026, be received.

CARRIED

Student Trustees Bizanti, Watson and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

11. French as a Second Language Advisory Committee

RESOLUTION #26-70: Trustees Noble/Buck moved that the French as a Second Language Advisory Committee report from May 13, 2026, be received.

CARRIED

Student Trustees Bizanti, Watson and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

RESOLUTION #26-71: Trustees Buck/Fehrman moved that the Board enter into private session for the discussion of personal or financial information of a committee, per Section 207 (2) b) of the Education Act. *(time in: 7:01 p.m., time out: 7:55 p.m.)*

12. Standing Committee

RESOLUTION #26-72: Trustees Tut/Danko moved that the Standing Committee report from April 27, 2026, be received.

CARRIED

Student Trustees Bizanti, Watson and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

13. Report from Committee of the Whole (Private) – May 25, 2026

RESOLUTION #26-73A: Trustees Tut/Buck moved that the Committee of the Whole report from May 25, 2026, be approved including receipt of the Finance & Facilities Committee report from May 6, 2026.

CARRIED

Student Trustees Bizanti, Watson and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour

RESOLUTION #26-73B: Trustees Tut/Buck moved that the Committee of the Whole report from May 25, 2026, be approved including the 2026-2027 Regional Internal Audit Plan, Audit Committee report from May 12, 2026.

CARRIED

Student Trustees Bizanti, Watson and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen did not vote on this matter.

14. Motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted re: Resolution #26-54, Trustee Fehrman

Trustee Fehrman introduced a motion to amend Resolution 26-54 (adopted April 13, 2026). The amendment proposed replacing the first bullet to request that staff explore adjustments to child care program licence rates for 2026–2027, including a prorated shift from a 365-day to a 260-day annual basis, with a report back to the Board through the Finance and Facilities Committee. All other provisions of the original resolution were to remain unchanged.

Trustees discussed the importance of:

- Supporting child care providers while minimizing impacts on families
- Ensuring collaborative engagement and clear communication with providers
- Providing flexibility for staff to assess options and report back
- Aligning rate considerations with broader funding frameworks and operational realities

Amendment to Motion Proposed

RESOLUTION #26-74: Trustees White/Danko moved an **amendment** to revise the wording to include directing staff to explore the application of the annual Ministry benchmark funding rate, including consideration of potential increases, discounts, timing (start dates), and advocacy opportunities, while maintaining the 260-day prorated framework and reporting requirement.

CARRIED

Student Trustees Bizanti, Watson and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

Motion, as Amended

RESOLUTION #26-75: Trustees Fehrman/Noble moved that Resolution #26-54, adopted April 13, 2026, be amended by replacing the first bullet with the following:

- Request that staff explore the application of an annual Ministry benchmark funding rate, considering the application of incremental percentage increases, potential discounts, start dates, and advocacy opportunities with providers, reflecting a pro-rated adjustment, from a 365-day to a 260-day annual basis and that staff report back to the Board, with input from the Finance & Facilities Committee, for final approval.

And that all remaining provisions of Resolution #26-54 remain unchanged.

CARRIED

Student Trustees Bizanti, Watson and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

15. Hamilton-Wentworth Council of Home & School Associations

Trustee Noble provided the following update:

- New members have been elected and will be welcomed at the September 24, 2026, meeting.
- The committee expressed gratitude for continued collaboration with HWDSB, including communications sent through official channels to support local associations as they navigate fundraising policies and other procedures.

16. Hamilton Foundation for Student Success

Trustee Fehrman provided the following update:

- Award season is underway, with ongoing work to distribute system and school-based awards ahead of commencements.
- Recruitment is in progress for a new Executive Director following a recent vacancy.
- Acknowledgement was given for prior leadership.

17. Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA)

Trustee Buck provided the following update:

- Attended a regional meeting on May 2, 2026.
- Governance restructuring within OPSBA was noted, including changes to the regional council and board size.
- Legislative updates:
 - Provincial legislature has resumed session.
 - Two by-elections are anticipated due to resignations.
- Changes in terminology were reported, including the implementation of the "Chief Executive Officer" title.
- The OPSBA annual meeting and elections will be held virtually on June 5, 2026.

18. Student Trustees' Report

Shakowennakara:tats Hillen provided the following update:

- Observed Red Dress Day (May 5) to recognize missing and murdered indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit people.
- Highlighted arts programming, including Band Fest and Jazz Fest, involving significant student participation.
- Reported on participation in Ontario Student Trustee's Association (OSTA-AECO), emphasizing leadership and advocacy development.
- Noted upcoming Indigenous Education year-end celebration.

Student Trustee Bizanti provided the following update on behalf of himself and Student Trustee Watson:

- Reported participation in provincial student trustee activities and conferences
- Highlighted local initiatives including:
 - Ancaster High "Dare to Try" Triathlon promoting accessibility and community support.
 - HWDSB Speaks public speaking initiative
 - Hamilton Youth engagement event connecting students with community partners.
- Reported on Student Senate activities, including leadership events, food drives, and system-wide student engagement.

19. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Chief Executive Officer Sheryl Robinson Petrazzini provided the [monthly](#) report.

- Confirmed title change from Director of Education to Chief Executive Officer, with no change in organizational objectives.
- Highlighted system focus on "Be Excellent, Be Future Ready."
- Reported on key initiatives:
 - Experiential learning and pathway programs
 - Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) and trades exposure initiative.
 - Robotic programming and student achievements at international competitions.
 - Exploration trailer providing hands-on engineering experiences.
- Emphasized the importance of wraparound supports, including nutrition programs and student well-being initiatives.

20. Chair of the Board's Report

The Chair shared the following:

- Acknowledged the significant demands on staff at year-end and the continued commitment to supporting students and maintaining school operations.
- Recognized the extensive coordination required for year-end activities, including graduations and student milestone events.
- Emphasized the importance of supporting all students, including those experiencing challenges in achieving expected outcomes.
- Reflected on the role of Board governance and leadership in a context of ongoing external pressures
- Highlighted the importance of consistent, resilient leadership across the system to sustain performance.
- Expressed appreciation for staff and leadership contributions in supporting students and ensuring system continuity.

The meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Reference: [Agenda Package](#), [Recording1](#) and [Recording2](#)