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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\*.

**Student Trustees:** Oluwafikunayomi (Fikun) Alabi and Victoria Li. **Shakowennakara:tats:** Daunte Hillen.

\*electronic participation, (R) denotes regrets

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**1. Call to Order**

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

Trustees Danko/Fehrman moved that the agenda be approved.

**CARRIED**

**3. Confirmation of the Minutes**

**RESOLUTION 24-121:** Trustees Danko/Tut moved that the Minutes from September 9, 2024, be confirmed.

**CARRIED**

**4. Correspondence Toronto Catholic DSB re: Bill 98**

**RESOLUTION #24-122:** Trustees Danko/White moved that the correspondence from Toronto Catholic DSB re: Bill 98 be received and referred to the Governance Committee for discussion on future committee agendas.

**CARRIED**

**5. Parent Involvement Committee**

**RESOLUTION #24-123:** Trustees Fehrman/Buck moved that the Parent Involvement Committee report from September 10, 2024, be received.

**CARRIED**

**6. Trustee Vacancy – Ward 4**

Staff provided an overview of the options available to the Board to fill the Trustee vacancy in Ward 4. Staff noted that the Board could decide to fill the vacancy through a By-Election (where the City would be responsible for similarly conducting the by-election as the regular election) or through an appointment process. Within the appointment process, the Board could select one of the following options:

- Appointing the candidate who came in second in the 2022 Municipal Election
- Offering the Appointment to a member of the community
- Invite interested persons to apply for the position

**RESOLUTION #24-124:** Trustees Buck/White moved the following:

- That the City of Hamilton be authorized to initiate a by-election under the Municipal Elections Act to fill the public school board trustee vacancy in accordance with Section 221(2), Optional Election, of the Education Act, and

- That staff be authorized to promptly notify the Clerk of the City of Hamilton of the Board's decision as outline in Section 221(3) of the *Education Act*.

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

**In Favour (8):** Trustees Buck, Dahab, Danko, Miller, Noble, Tut, White, Wong.

**Opposed (2):** Trustees Archer, Fehrman.

## **7. Student Trustees' and Shakowennakara:tats Report**

Student Trustees and Shakowennakara:tats shared their gratitude for being sworn in on September 9<sup>th</sup> and thanked everyone for the warm welcome and guidance given as they integrated into their roles.

Student Trustees Lin and Alabi noted their attendance at the OSTA AGM Conference last May where they gained further insight into the role of being a student trustee. Student Trustees Alabi and Lin are looking forward to their initial Student Senate meeting taking place at the end of October, as schools are currently seeking Student Senators for both elementary and secondary schools.

Shakowennakara:tats Hillen shared that CC:Rose (a student group for self-identifying Indigenous students in grades 7-12) is working on events focused on education, cultural revitalization and building connections in fun and meaningful events. He also noted that he will participate in HearNowON with School Mental Health Ontario by leading a focus group in November.

## **8. Director's Report**

Director Sheryl Robinson Petrazzini brought forward the Director's Report via [video presentation](#) and highlighted the following:

- School start-up
- Systems Leaders' 2024-25 School Year Kick-Off with Dr. Robyne Hanley-Dafoe
- Orange Shirt Day is September 30 – We are embarking on a new initiative called Walking Together. Staff and Trustees are encouraged to walk or run 17 kilometres between September 30<sup>th</sup>, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to November 9, 2024.

## **9. Chair's Report**

Chair Miller shared her report and welcomed back families and staff, specifically thanking caretakers who worked all summer long to ensure our schools were ready to welcome students in September. She noted that school communities could expect the first Trustees Newsletter of the 2024-25 school year in the coming weeks and thanked staff in Communications for their support of this initiative. Finally, MPP Sarah Jama was recognized in the gallery.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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