

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL BOARD MEETING

held in person and electronically via Google Meet
and livestreamed from the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
at the Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury
on Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at 5:06 p.m.

Present: Trustees: B. Clement, L. Corbiere-Addison, L. Debassige (via Google Meet),
D. Dewar, D. Farrow, A. Gibson, J. Hunda, J. Kosmerly, Student
Trustee Nootchtai, Student Trustee Wislon-Zegil (via Google Meet)

Absent: nil

Officials: B. Bourget – Director and Secretary of the Board
A. Guilbault – Superintendent of Business
L. Fisher, K. Wachnuk – Superintendents

Staff: S. Ackroyd, N. Cecchetto, N. Charette, T. Hayes, L. Mantle, M.
McKelvey, D. Peristeridis, C. Whitson

1. Call to Order

Director Bourget called the meeting to order and advised that the meeting was being livestreamed and archived.

Director Bourget read a declaration of land acknowledgement aloud.

Director Bourget completed roll call to establish who was participating in the Google Meet.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: 25-R01, A.Gibson/L.Corbiere-Addison

That the agenda for the Organizational meeting of the Board of November 19, 2024 be approved.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: In-favour
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
David Farrow: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Alex McCauley: In-favour

- Carried

Director Bourget reviewed the process for the upcoming elections and committee placements.

3. Election of Chair

Director Bourget called for nominations for the position of Chair of Rainbow District School Board.

Anita Gibson nominated David Farrow, seconded by Alex McCauley.

- a) Motion: 25-R02, A.Gibson/J.Hunda
That nominations be closed.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: In-favour
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
David Farrow: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Alex McCauley: In-favour

- Carried

David Farrow confirmed his willingness to stand for this office.

- b) Motion: 25-R03, L.Debassige/J.Kosmerly
That David Farrow be declared acclaimed Chair of Rainbow District School Board.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: In-favour
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
David Farrow: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Alex McCauley: In-favour

- Carried Unanimously

4. **In-Coming Chair's Remarks** NIL
5. **Presentation to Outgoing Chair** NIL
6. **Past Chair's Remarks**

Trustee Farrow thanked his fellow trustees for putting their faith in him as Chair, it is an honour. He shared that he is looking forward to the good things trustees will do in the upcoming year. He expressed his gratitude to Director Bourget and Cindy Whitson for all of their assistance and also thanked staff for the daily work they do with kids, they make Rainbow Schools great.

7. **Election of Vice-Chair**

Anita Gibson nominated Linda Debassige, seconded by Lisa Corbiere-Addison.
Doreen Dewar nominated Alex McCauley, seconded by Judy Kosmerly.

- a) Motion: 25-R04, J.Kosmerly/A.Gibson
That nominations be closed.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: In-favour
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
David Farrow: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Alex McCauley: In-favour

- Carried

Alex McCauley confirmed his willingness to stand for this office.
Linda Debassige declined to have her name stand.

- b) Motion: 25-R05, L.Debassige/D.Dewar
That Alex McCauley be acclaimed Vice-Chair of Rainbow District School Board.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: In-favour
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
David Farrow: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Alex McCauley: In-favour

- Carried

Past Vice-Chair Debassige shared words of thanks to her fellow trustees and looks forward to the ongoing work as a team.

8. **OPSBA (Ontario Public School Board's Association)**
- Director and Alternate

- a) **OPSBA Delegate**

Judy Hunda nominated Judy Kosmerly, seconded by Alex McCauley.
Anita Gibson nominated Lisa Corbiere-Addison, seconded by Bob Clement.

- i) Motion: 25-R06, B.Clement/J.Kosmerly
That nominations be closed.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: In-favour
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
David Farrow: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Alex McCauley: In-favour

- Carried

Lisa Corbiere-Addison confirmed her willingness to stand.
Judy Kosmerly confirmed her willingness to stand.

- ii) Motion: 25-R07, A.McCauley/D.Dewar
That Judy Kosmerly be declared elected Rainbow District School Board's voting Director to the Ontario Public School Board's Association.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: Absent
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
David Farrow: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Alex McCauley: In-favour

- Carried

b) **OPSBA Alternate**

Bob Clement nominated Lisa Corbiere-Addison, seconded by Judy Kosmerly.

- i) **Motion: 25-R08, J.Kosmerly/D.Dewar**
That nominations be closed.

Poll vote

*Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: Absent
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
David Farrow: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Alex McCauley: In-favour*

- Carried

- ii) **Motion: 25-R09, J.Hunda/J.Kosmerly**
That Lisa Corbiere-Addison be declared acclaimed Rainbow District School Board's voting alternate to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association.

Poll vote

*Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: Absent
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
David Farrow: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Alex McCauley: In-favour*

- Carried

9. **Membership on Standing Board Committees**

Motion: 25-R10, A.Gibson/L.Corbiere-Addison
That the membership on Standing Board Committees be approved.

Poll vote

*Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: In-favour
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
David Farrow: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Alex McCauley: In-favour*

- Carried

Accessibility Planning Committee

Trustee Judy Kosmerly

Audit Committee

Trustee Lisa Corbiere-Addison

Trustee Judy Hunda

Trustee Judy Kosmerly

Environmental Education Committee

Trustee Doreen Dewar
Student Trustee Tia Nootchtai
Student Trustee Alexandra Wilson-Zegil

Equity and Inclusive Education Committee

Trustee Bob Clement
Trustee Anita Gibson
Trustee Judy Kosmerly

First Nation Advisory Committee (FNAC)

First Nations Trustee Linda Debassige
Trustee Bob Clement
Trustee Lisa Corbiere-Addison

Labour Relations Committee

Trustee Bob Clement
Trustee Anita Gibson
Trustee Judy Hunda
Trustee Judy Kosmerly
Trustee Alex McCauley

Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)

Trustee Alex McCauley

School Year Structure Committee

Trustee Doreen Dewar
Trustee Anita Gibson
Student Trustee Tia Nootchtai
Student Trustee Alexandra Wilson-Zegil

Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

Trustee Lisa Corbiere-Addison
Trustee Alex McCauley
Trustee Doreen Dewar (alternate)
Trustee Judy Kosmerly (alternate)

Strategic Planning Committee

Trustee Bob Clement
Trustee Lisa Corbiere-Addison
Trustee Doreen Dewar
Trustee David Farrow
Trustee Anita Gibson
Trustee Judy Hunda
Trustee Judy Kosmerly
Trustee Alex McCauley
First Nations Trustee Linda Debassige

Student Senate

Trustee Doreen Dewar
Trustee Judy Hunda
Student Trustee Tia Nootchtai
Student Trustee Alexandra Wilson-Zegil

Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Representative

Trustee Judy Kosmerly

Trustee Lisa Corbiere-Addison (alternate)

10. Governance Policy No. GOV-05 (Alternates)

At the Annual Organizational Meeting, two alternate Trustees shall be chosen by the Board to be used when the circumstance warrant that one or both Trustees are needed in place of the Chair and/or Vice-Chair to carry out the duties required under this policy.

a) Call for nominations for first alternate.

Anita Gibson self nominated, seconded by Alex McCauley.

Judy Kosmerly nominated Lisa Corbiere-Addison, seconded by Bob Clement.

Doreen Dewar nominated Judy Hunda, seconded by Judy Kosmerly.

Alex McCauley nominated Bob Clement, seconded by Judy Hunda.

- i) Motion: 25-R11, J.Kosmerly/A.McCauley
That nominations be closed.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: In-favour
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
David Farrow: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Alex McCauley: In-favour

- Carried

Bob Clement confirmed his willingness to stand.

Judy Hunda declined to have her name stand.

Lisa Corbiere-Addison confirmed her willingness to stand.

Anita Gibson confirmed her willingness to stand.

- ii) Motion: 25-R12, J.Hunda/L.Corbiere-Addison
That Bob Clement be declared elected first alternate as per Board Policy No. GOV-05.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: In-favour
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
David Farrow: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Alex McCauley: In-favour

- Carried

b) Call for nominations for second alternate.

Judy Kosmerly nominated Lisa Corbiere-Addison, seconded by Anita Gibson.

Linda Debassige nominated Doreen Dewar, seconded by Alex McCauley.

- i) Motion: 25-R13, A.Gibson/L.Corbiere-Addison
That nominations be closed.

Poll vote

*Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: In-favour
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
David Farrow: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Alex McCauley: In-favour*

- Carried

Doreen Dewar declined to have her name stand
Lisa Corbiere-Addison confirmed her willingness to stand.

- ii) Motion: 25-R14, J.Hunda/A.McCauley
That Lisa Corbiere-Addison be declared acclaimed second alternate as per Board Policy No. GOV-05.

Poll vote

*Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: In-favour
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
David Farrow: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Alex McCauley: In-favour*

- Carried

11. Ballots

Motion: 25-R15, J.Kosmerly/B.Clement
That the ballots for all positions be destroyed.

Poll vote

*Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: In-favour
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
David Farrow: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Alex McCauley: In-favour*

- Carried

12. Adjournment

Motion: 25-R16, J.Kosmerly/B.Clement
That we now adjourn at 6:26 p.m. – **Carried**