



BOARD (PUBLIC)
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Appointments to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) for June 2022 to 14 November 2022

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PURPOSE:

1. To confirm the following appointments to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) for the period June 2022 to November 2022:
 - two directors to the Board of Directors;
 - two alternate directors to the Board of Directors;
 - a voting delegate for the Eastern Regional Council Meetings; and
 - an alternate voting delegate for the Eastern Regional Council meetings.

STRATEGIC LINKS:

2. Confirming appointments to OPSBA enables the Board to effectively participate in the association that represents public district school boards and public school authorities across Ontario. Through the appointments, we are continuing our work in building a Culture of Social Responsibility and improving governance practice.

CONTEXT:

3. The Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) is an advocacy group representing the interests and needs of public district school boards and public school authorities in Ontario. OPSBA advocates on behalf of the best interests and needs of the public school system in Ontario. The Ottawa-Carleton District School Board (OCDSB) is a member of OPSBA and appoints trustees to various positions. The term of office for the OPSBA Board of Directors begins and ends in June each year, aligning with the OPSBA Annual General Meeting.

Given that 2022 is a municipal election year, the term of appointments will expire on 14 November 2022, at which time the Board will fill all positions for the period 15 November 2022 to June 2023, including the delegate and alternate voting delegate appointments for the 2023 Annual General Meeting.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS:

4. OCDSB Representation

Annually, the OCDSB appoints representatives for the following positions:

- Two trustees as directors and two trustees as alternate directors to serve on the OPSBA Board of Directors. Alternate directors are appointed with the understanding that the 1st alternate serves in the absence of either Board member, and the 2nd alternate serves in the absence of both Board members; and
- One trustee for each position of voting delegate and alternate voting delegate for the OPSBA Annual General Meeting and Eastern Regional Council Meetings.

At the 25 May 2021 Board meeting, the Board made the following appointments to OPSBA:

- Trustees Boothby and Penny as directors to the OPSBA Board of Directors;
- Trustees Campbell and Jennekens as alternate directors to the OPSBA Board of Directors;
- Trustee Penny as voting delegate and Trustee Boothby as alternate voting delegate for the OPSBA Eastern Regional Council meetings and the June 2022 Annual General Meeting.

5. Meeting Dates

OPSBA meetings are typically held as follows:

- Board of Directors – September, November, February, April (as well as the Public Education Symposium in January and the Annual General Meeting in June);
- Voting Delegate – Annual General Meeting in June; and
- Eastern Regional Council – Fall and spring (as well as the Public Education Symposium in January).

6. Appointment Process

In accordance with the OCDSB By-laws and Standing Rules, in order to make these appointments, the Chair will call for volunteers or nominations (if required) for the various positions. Should there be more than one candidate per position, an election will be held.

The election will be conducted with a google form ballot. A link to the ballot will be placed in the Zoom chat. Trustees will cast a vote, and the election officers will tally the votes. The results will be communicated to the Chair, who will then declare the appointment(s). Should the election result in a tie, a second ballot shall be held between or amongst the members to break the tie. Bridge Convention shall be used to resolve a second tie.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

7. Costs incurred by the trustees appointed to represent the Board will be charged to the existing central budget for Board business in accordance with Section 2.5 of Policy P.005.GOV Board Member Expenses and Support Services or reimbursed by OPSBA.

COMMUNICATION/CONSULTATION ISSUES:

8. There is no consultation required for this report because it is specific to the appointment of trustees.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the following appointments to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) for the period June 2022 to 14 November 2022 be approved:

- A. Trustees _____ and _____ as the two directors to the Board of Directors;
- B. Trustees _____ and _____ as the two alternate directors to the Board of Directors;
- C. Trustee _____ as the voting delegate for the Eastern Regional Council Meetings; and
- D. Trustee _____ as the alternate voting delegate for the Eastern Regional Council Meetings.

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