



**BOARD (PUBLIC)  
Report 23-043**

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**Appointments to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association  
(OPSBA) for 7 July 2023 to 7 July 2024**

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**PURPOSE:**

1. To confirm the appointments to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) for the period 7 July 2023 to 7 July 2024, as follows:
  - two directors to the Board of Directors;
  - two alternate directors to the Board of Directors;
  - the voting delegate for the Eastern Regional Council Meetings;
  - the alternate voting delegate for the Eastern Regional Council meetings;
  - the voting delegate for the 2024 Annual General Meeting; and
  - the alternate voting delegate for the 2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM).

**SUPPORTING OUR STRATEGIC PLAN:**

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 is, therefore, entitled to appoint trustees to various positions on the Board of Directors and as voting delegates at the Eastern Regional Council meetings and at OPSBA's AGM.

The term of office for the OPSBA Board of Directors normally runs July to July in alignment with the scheduling of the OPSBA Annual General Meeting and the school year. Because 2022 was an election year, the appointments of trustees to the Board were made at the 15 November 2022 Inaugural Board meeting for the period 15 November 2022 to 10 June 2023. The Board must now fill all the

positions for the period 7 July 2023 to 7 July 2024, which is in alignment with OPSBA's annual cycle.

## KEY CONSIDERATIONS:

### 4. OCDSB Representation

For the past several years, including this past November, the Board has opted to appoint the same two trustees elected to serve as directors (or as the alternate directors) to serve as the voting delegate and alternate voting delegate at the Eastern Council Regional meetings and the AGM. This provides an opportunity for those trustees to develop a deeper knowledge and understanding of the work of OPSBA and have an increased voice at the OPSBA table. This practice is in keeping with other boards in the Province and has provided for greater consistency and understanding of what transpires at the various meetings (Board of Director, AGM and Eastern Region) and for multiple opportunities to build relationships with other OPSBA members.

The 15 November 2022 to 10 June 2023 term appointments included:

- Trustees Jennekens and Scott as directors to the OPSBA Board of Directors;
- Trustees Dickson and Presley as alternate directors to the OPSBA Board of Directors;
- Trustee Jennekens as voting delegate and Trustee Scott as alternate voting delegate for the OPSBA Eastern Regional Council meetings; and
- Trustee Jennekens as voting delegate and Trustee Scott as alternate voting delegate for the OPSBA Annual General Meeting.

### 5. Meeting dates

OPSBA Board of Directors meetings are normally scheduled for early October, January, February, April/May, and June (AGM). Eastern Regional Council meetings, which are also attended by the trustees who sit as directors or their alternates, are normally scheduled for January and April. Most of these meetings take place over the weekend, typically Saturday.

### 6. Election of Trustees

In accordance with the Board's 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. If there is more than one candidate for each position, an election will be held.

## FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

6. 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:**

- 7. There is no consultation required for this report because it relates to the appointment of trustees.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT

- A. Trustees \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed as the two directors to the OPSBA Board of Directors, the voting and alternate delegates for the Eastern Regional Council meetings, and the voting and alternate delegates for the OPSBA Annual General meeting for the period 7 July 2023 to 7 July 2024; and
- B. Trustees \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed as the two alternate directors to the OPSBA Board of Directors for the period 7 July 2023 to 7 July 2024.

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