



BOARD (PUBLIC)
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**Appointment of an Alternate Member for Learning Disabilities
Association of Ottawa-Carleton to the Special Education Advisory
Committee**

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PURPOSE:

1. To appoint an alternate representative for the Learning Disabilities Association of Ottawa-Carleton (LDAO-C) to the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) for the term 24 November 2020 to 14 November 2022.

STRATEGIC LINKS:

2. A strong and active SEAC provides the Board with critical input on the District's special education programs and services. The appointment of a community representative helps foster community engagement in support of a Culture of Caring.

CONTEXT:

3. The composition of the Special Education Advisory Committee is outlined in sections 4.1 to 4.3 of Board Policy P.019.GOV: Special Education Advisory Committee (attached as Appendix A). The membership is currently comprised of three trustees, ten associations and organizations, and three community members.

The current alternate representative, Michael Bates, is retiring his position with Learning Disabilities Association of Ottawa-Carleton and the organization has signaled their intent to recommend a replacement.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS:

4. On 15 October 2020, Board Services received an email (attached as Appendix B) from LDAO-C requesting that Marianne Long be appointed as the alternate member.

Ms. Long meets all the criteria under the Regulation 464/97 and Policy P.019.GOV, Special Education Advisory Committee and is not an OCDSB employee. The biography for Ms. Long will be circulated to board members under separate cover.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

5. There are no resource implications associated with this report.

COMMUNICATION/CONSULTATION ISSUES:

6. No consultation is required as this is a direct appointment of the Board. SEAC Chair, Sonia Nadon-Campbell, is aware of the request for appointment.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Marianne Long be appointed as the Alternate Member representing Learning Disabilities Association of Ottawa-Carleton to the Special Education Advisory Committee for the term ending 14 November 2022.

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Executive Officer, Corporate Services

Camille Williams-Taylor
Director of Education and
Secretary of the Board

APPENDICES

Appendix A: Policy P.019.GOV: Special Education Advisory Committee

Appendix B: Appointment letter from Learning Disabilities Association of Ottawa-Carleton