

Annual Board Meeting Minutes – November 19, 2025

PRIVATE SESSION

Roll Call:

Trustees:	Staff:
G. Elliott B. Godkin (Vice-Chair) R. Hutcheon T. Lloyd J. Maracle K. McGregor (Chair) J. Morning J. Neill S. Ruttan C. Scott M. Comeau (Student Trustee) (regrets) R. Kolosov (Student Trustee) (regrets) S. Ismail (Student Trustee) (regrets)	
Guests:	Recorder:
Roger Richard, Consultant	S. Mitton, Executive Assistant to the Director and Trustee Liaison

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Godkin called the meeting to order.

2. RESOLVE INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND PRIVATE SESSION

MOTION: To move into Private Session.

MOVED BY: Trustee Hutcheon. Carried.

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Vice-Chair Godkin asked Trustees if they had a conflict of interest to declare with any of the agenda items. There were no conflicts declared.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.1 Regular Board Meeting Minutes (Private) – October 29, 2025

MOVED BY: Trustee McGregor that the minutes listed in Action Items, Private Session, as distributed, be approved. Carried.

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5. FOR INFORMATION

- 5.1. Safe Schools Update
- 5.2. Property Update
- 5.3. Personnel Update – Trustees discussed a Personnel Update.
- 5.4. Labour Update
- 5.5. Legal Update
- 5.6. OPSBA Update

6. REPORT TO PUBLIC SESSION

Vice-Chair Godkin called for a motion for the Board to rise and report.

MOTION: That the Board rise and report.

MOVED BY: Trustee Lloyd. Carried.

PUBLIC MEETING

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Guests:	Recorder:
R. McDonald, K to 8 Equity and Inclusion Consultant C. Tang, Elementary Teacher, Calvin Park PS Grade 7 and 8 Calvin Park PS Challenge Students	S. Mitton, Executive Assistant to the Director and Trustee Liaison

7. CALL TO ORDER

Director Burra stated “Good evening. In accordance with Section 208 of The Education Act, and LDSB By-Laws Article II, and IV, and under the authority invested in me as the Secretary of the Board, I welcome

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everyone to the Annual Meeting of the Limestone District School Board for the term ending November 18, 2026.

This evening Trustees will elect a Chair and Vice-Chair to serve as Executive for the next year. I shall be the presiding officer of this Annual Meeting, pending the election of the Chair of the Board, and therefore call this meeting to order.”

8. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Director Burra provided the Land Acknowledgement. “The Limestone District School Board is situated on the traditional territories of the Anishinaabek and Haudenosaunee. We acknowledge their enduring presence on this land, as well as the presence of Métis, Inuit and other First Nations from across Turtle Island. We honour their cultures and celebrate their commitment to this land.”

9. STUDENT PERFORMANCE

Director Burra welcomed Rachael McDonald to introduce teacher Catherine Tang and the Intermediate students from the Calvin Park Public School Challenge Program. Ms. McDonald shared that the students will be performing on instruments from the LDSB Equity Arts Lending Library. The Lending Library includes musical instruments, staging supplies, dance materials, and percussion kits, which are delivered to schools via the board’s courier system, a resource designed to ensure all students have access to arts materials regardless of school location.

Ms. McDonald noted that thanks to funding from the Limestone Learning Foundation, every elementary school will receive a set of glockenspiels and other instruments over the next two years. Rural schools will be prioritized to address distance barriers. These resources are paired with professional learning and curriculum supports to promote hands-on, creative learning experiences aligned with curriculum goals.

The Intermediate students performed “*Viva La Vida*” by Coldplay using glockenspiels and xylophones for Trustees and the viewing public.

10. OPENING GREETINGS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Director Burra stated, “As we begin the fourth year of Trustees’ four-year term of office, I would like to express my appreciation to the Board of Trustees for the important contributions and decisions made that support student achievement and well-being while ensuring the Board fulfills its duties under the Education Act.”

Director Burra called the roll:

Indigenous Trustee Jamie Maracle

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Representing the Town of Greater Napanee: Tiffany Lloyd

Representing the Townships of Central Frontenac, Addington Highlands, and North Frontenac: Karen McGregor

Representing the Townships of Loyalist and Stone Mills: Robin Hutcheon

Representing the Township of South Frontenac: Suzanne Ruttan

From the City of Kingston:

Representing the City of Kingston Districts of Pittsburgh, King's Town and Frontenac Islands: Bob Godkin

Representing the Districts of Portsmouth and Sydenham: Joy Morning

Representing the Districts of Kingscourt-Rideau, Countryside, and Williamsville: Jim Neill

Representing the Trillium and Lakeside Districts: Garrett Elliott

Representing the Loyalist-Cataraqui, Collins Bay, and Bayridge, and Meadowbrook-Strathcona Districts: Chris Scott

Indigenous Student Trustee Rachel Kolosov

Rural Student Trustee Mia Comeau

Urban Student Trustee Siham Ismail

Director Burra indicated that the formal requirements of the meeting will continue.

11. DECLARATION OF INVOLVEMENT

Trustees of the Limestone District School Board are committed to accountability and transparency. The Trustee Code of Conduct states: "Trustees shall declare any conflict of interest or involvement, financial or otherwise, between their personal life and/or business interests and their position of the Board." In support of this, Trustees annually declare their ongoing involvement with agencies, boards, and committees in organizations outside the Limestone District School Board and declare verbally at the annual Board Meeting.

Trustees read their Declarations of Involvement with respect to what other community organizations they are members or volunteers.

12. ELECTION OF THE CHAIR

Director Burra called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Board.

Trustee Godkin nominated Trustee Hutcheon. Trustee Hutcheon accepted the nomination.

Trustee Elliott nominated Trustee McGregor. Trustee McGregor accepted the nomination.

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Director Burra called for nominations two additional times. Hearing none, he stated that nominations would be closed.

MOVED by Trustee Scott and seconded by Trustee Lloyd that the nominations be closed. Carried.

Both the nominators and candidates addressed the Board. The candidates thanked their colleagues for their nominations.

Trustees voted on their selection of the Chair of the Board. Superintendent McWilliams and Superintendent Young counted the votes. Director Burra congratulated Trustee McGregor on being voted Chair of the Limestone District School Board for the November 19, 2025 to November 18, 2026 session.

Director Burra called for a motion for the ballots to be destroyed.

MOVED by Trustee Scott and seconded by Trustee Lloyd that the ballots be destroyed. Carried.

13. ELECTION OF THE VICE-CHAIR

Chair McGregor called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Board.

Trustee Hutcheon nominated Trustee Godkin. Trustee Godkin accepted the nomination.

Trustee Scott nominated Trustee Lloyd. Trustee Lloyd accepted the nomination.

Chair McGregor called for nominations two additional times. Hearing none, she stated that nominations would be closed.

MOVED by Trustee Scott and seconded by Trustee Ruttan that the nominations be closed. Carried.

Both candidates addressed the Board and thanked their colleagues for the nomination.

Trustees voted on their selection of Vice-Chair of the Board. Superintendent McWilliams and Superintendent Young counted the votes. Chair McGregor congratulated Trustee Lloyd on being voted Vice-Chair of the Limestone District School Board for the November 19, 2025 to November 18, 2026 session.

MOVED by Trustee Godkin and seconded by Trustee Neill that the ballots be destroyed. Carried.

14. PRIVATE SESSION REPORT

During private session following at the October 29 Board Meeting:

- Director Burra Discussed a Personnel Update

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There was no other business conducted, or motions passed in Private Session.

Earlier this evening during Private Session:

The private session minutes were approved from the October 29, 2025, Regular Board Meeting.

- Trustees discussed a Personnel update

There was no other business conducted, or motions passed in Private Session. *MOVED By Vice-Chair Godkin and seconded by Trustee Lloyd that the Private Session Report be received. Carried.*

15. APPROVAL OF ABSENCES

16. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

16.1 Regular Board Meeting Minutes – October 29, 2025

Trustee Morning requested to separate the Regular Board Meeting minutes from October 29, 2025. She requested that her absence be changed from virtual to approved absence due to reason outlined in Policy 15, section 2.3.0.

MOVED BY Trustee Scott and seconded by Trustee Godkin that the minutes, as amended, be approved. Carried.

16.2 Audit Committee Meeting Minutes – November 10, 2025

MOVED BY Trustee Godkin and seconded by Trustee Lloyd that the minutes, as presented, be approved. Carried.

17. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

None at this time.

18. REPORTS FOR ACTION

None at this time.

19. CORRESPONDENCE

None at this time.

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20. BUSINESS ARISING

Motion brought forward by Vice-Chair Godkin at the October 29, 2025 meeting: *“Given the Minister of Education’s musings regarding the potential removal of some, or all, Trustees in the province of Ontario, and that we have already sent a letter to the Minister and other specific audiences, I would like to put forward a motion to expand the number of recipients of the letter to include local media outlets immediately and potentially other parties after further discussions and a formal motion at the November Board Meeting.”*

Motion Moved by Trustee Hutcheon and seconded by Trustee Neill that “The board distributes our letter to the Minister for information to the Director’s Performance Appraisal contact list.” Trustees discussed the motion. The question was called. The motion failed.

Trustee Maracle abstained from the discussion and motion.

21. FUTURE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

November 24, 2025 (Nominations/Special Meeting)

22. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION MOVED BY: Trustee and seconded by Trustee that the meeting adjourn. Carried.

The Meeting Adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

PRIVATE SESSION CONTINUED FOLLOWING ADJOURNMENT OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

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Guests:	Recorder:
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23. FOR INFORMATION

- 23.1. **Safe Schools Update** – None at this time.
- 23.2. **Property/Legal Update** – None at this time.
- 23.3. **Personnel Update** – Trustees discussed a Personnel Update which resulted in a motion passed.
- 23.4. **Labour Update** – None at this time.
- 23.5. **OPSBA Update** – None at this time.

24. ADJOURNMENT AND REPORT TO PUBLIC SESSION

Vice-Chair Lloyd called for a motion for the Board to rise and report.

MOTION: That the Board rise and report at the November 24, 2025, Special Meeting of the Board.

MOVED BY: Trustee Hutcheon. Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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