

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

Board Room/Microsoft Teams  
Jim McCuaig Education Centre

2025 DEC 9  
7:30 p.m.

**TRUSTEES PRESENT:**

Leah Vanderwey (Chair)  
Ellen Chambers  
Pat Johansen  
Donica LeBlanc  
Ron Oikonen (virtual)

Ryan Sitch  
George Saarinen (virtual)  
Trudy Tuchenhausen  
Scottie Wemigwans (Indigenous Trustee)

**ABSENT WITH REGRETS:**

Breanna Bruce (Student Trustee)  
Eryn Genno (Indigenous Student Trustee)

**SENIOR ADMINISTRATION:**

Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Director of Education  
Heather Harris, Superintendent of Education: Child Care & Elementary Education  
Jane Lower, Superintendent of Education  
Patti-Jo Pesola-Brunton, Superintendent of Education: Math Lead  
Kirsti Alaksa, Superintendent of Business (virtual)  
Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education (virtual)

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

1. **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Chair Vanderwey at 7:30 p.m.

2. **Disclosure of Conflict of Interest - None**

3. **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Wemigwans

Seconded by Trustee Chambers

*"THAT the Agenda for Special Board Meeting, December 9, 2025, be approved."*

**CARRIED**

4. **Resolve into Committee of the Whole – Closed Session – N/A**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – CLOSED SESSION – N/A**

5. **Committee of the Whole – Closed Session – N/A**

**PUBLIC SESSION**

6. **Report of Committee of the Whole – Closed Session – N/A**

7. Land Acknowledgement

Chair Vanderwey read the Land Acknowledgement.

8. Reports of Standing Committees

8.1 Recommendations from the Audit Committee (012-26)

Moved by Trustee LeBlanc

Seconded by Trustee Tuchenhausen

*"THAT Lakehead District School Board:*

1. Approve the Audit Committee Summarized Annual Report outlined in Appendix A to Report No. 012-26; and
2. Forward the report to the Ministry of Education."

CARRIED

8.2 Recommendations from the Audit Committee (012-26)

Moved by Trustee Chambers

Seconded by Trustee Johansen

*"THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the August 31, 2025, audited financial statements as outlined in Report No. 117-25, 2024-2025 Audited Financial Statements."*

CARRIED

9. Adjournment

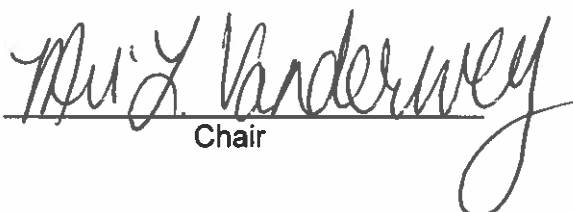
Moved by Trustee Saarinen


Seconded by Trustee LeBlanc

*"THAT we do now adjourn at 7:35 p.m."*

CARRIED

CONFIRMED BY THE BOARD – January 27, 2026

  
Chair

  
Secretary