

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 Tuchenhagen
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)

“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

W.L. Vandervel A. Sharad
Chair Secretary