



**DURHAM CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**  
*Learning and Living in Faith*

**Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting**

Durham Catholic District School Board

Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at 7:30 PM

Catholic Education Centre, 650 Rossland Road West, Oshawa North & South Boardrooms

**Agenda**

**1. Opening**

**1.1. Call to Order**

**1.2. Memorials and Prayers**

**1.3. Land Acknowledgement**

**1.4. Roll Call and Apologies**

**1.5. Approval of the Agenda**

**1.6. Approval of the minutes of the December 3, 2024 meeting**

**1.7. Declarations of Interest**

**2. Items for Information/Decision**

**2.1. Announcements**

**2.1.1. Introduction/Welcome – Trustees appointed to SEAC (2025 Committee Membership)**

**2.1.2. Durham Down Syndrome Association Change in Representation**

**2.2. Election for Chair of Special Education Advisory Committee**

**2.2.1. Election for the Position of Chair of the Special Education Advisory Committee – Mike O’Neill**

**2.2.2. Comments from Candidates**

**2.2.3. Motion to Close Nominations**

**2.2.4. Motion to Destroy Ballots**

**2.2.5. Acceptance Speech by the Chair of the Special Education Advisory Committee**



### **2.3. Election for Vice Chair of the Special Education Advisory Committee**

**2.3.1.** Election for the Position of Vice Chair of the Special Education Advisory Committee – Chair

**2.3.2.** Comments from Candidates

**2.3.3.** Motion to Close Nominations

**2.3.4.** Motion to Destroy Ballots

**2.3.5.** Acceptance Speech by the Vice Chair of the Special Education Advisory Committee

### **2.4. Presentations**

**2.4.1.** Participation House – Mariam Maskell

### **2.5. Discussion Items**

**2.5.1.** Review SEAC Terms of Reference – taking stock to ensure all members have access to the document

### **2.6. Business arising from previous meeting**

**2.6.1.** Committee members agreed to support the concerns in the letter from Limestone by drafting a letter of support on the importance of Special Education training as a core component for all teacher preparation programs in Ontario.

### **2.7. Staff Reports**

**2.7.1. Student Services Report** - Christine Congrady, Yulan Fisher-Brown, Mike O'Neill for Paula Sorhaitz

### **2.8. Association Reports**

### **2.9. Correspondence**

## **3. Other Business**

### **3.1. Board Communications**

### **3.2. Motion to Adjourn**

**3.2.1.** The next meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee will be held on Tuesday, February 11, 2025 @ 7:30 pm

### **3.3. Closing Prayer** (Donna Callaghan)