



AGENDA – SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, March 3, 2021 – 5:00 PM

Limestone Education Centre

220 Portsmouth Avenue, Kingston, ON

[Virtual Link](#)

PUBLIC MEETING – 5:00 PM

Acknowledgement of Territory: “The Limestone District School Board is situated on the traditional territories of the Anishinaabe 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.”

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

SECTION A – Matters Requiring Action at the Meeting

3. **ORDER OF BUSINESS**
 - 3.1 **Potential Change in Meeting Dates** – Director Burra (Page 2-3)
4. **ADJOURNMENT**



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT FOR DECISION: APRIL MEETING DATES

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD

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Purpose

To provide Trustees the option of adjusting meeting dates in April to allow for a more efficient timeline to policy/bylaw revisions and to avoid a meeting in the April week of holidays caused by the movement of March Break.

Background and Current Status

March Break has been moved by the provincial government from the week of March 15-19 to the week of April 12-16. Our current meeting schedule for EPOC and Board Meetings includes an EPOC meeting on March 3, a Board meeting on March 24, a Board meeting on April 14, and an EPOC meeting on April 28. Given the move of March Break and the policy/bylaw review process in which Trustees are engaged, Trustees might want to consider moving a couple of meetings to better accommodate the policy/bylaw review process. It would also allow Trustees with school-aged children and the Student Trustees to have a break the week of April 12-16 without a meeting. It should be noted that any potential movement of meeting dates does not change the total number of meetings.

Next Steps:

A potential option might be to move the currently scheduled Board meeting from April 14 to April 28, and the currently scheduled EPOC meeting from April 28 to April 7. This change would allow further policy/bylaw discussion in committee on April 7, with potential final approval on April 28 or May 19. The current schedule (outlined above in Background and Current Status) would likely mean that final approval would occur on May 19 or June 16. As Trustees are aware, May and June are usually busier with the addition of budget meetings. The adjusted schedule might help with ensuring the policy/bylaw changes are in place prior to May/June.

It should be noted that the change in meeting dates would result in a wider gap between EPOC meetings, but the number of meetings would remain unchanged. Any exigent or emergent items requiring attention could be added to a Special Meeting of the Board connected to a Budget Meeting. In addition, while the change in meeting dates would allow Trustees with children and the Student Trustees to avoid a meeting during the 'April Break,' the adjustment to the schedule could make Student Trustee attendance on April 7 more challenging due to the proximity of this meeting to the end of the sixth Octomester. One option would be for Student Trustees to attend virtually for part of the meeting.

Recommendations

Trustees consider making a change to the current meeting schedule based on the following date changes, and consider the following motion:

That Trustees approve moving the currently scheduled April 14 Board Meeting to April 28; and, moving the currently scheduled April 28 EPOC Meeting to April 7.

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