A. CALL TO ORDER
Director of Education, Erin Kelly (Chairperson Pro-Tem) called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and extended a warm welcome to those in attendance at the Inaugural Meeting of the Greater Essex County District School Board.

Appreciation was extended by the Director to teacher Amanda Sands and students Nicole Sussens, Noah Ball and Gaspard Jaumotte for the music this evening.

The purpose of an Inaugural Meeting is to establish the newly elected Board. It is a formal process which puts into place the Board’s organizational structure for the coming year. This evening Trustees will elect a Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board and the Standing Committees and will begin to establish their committee structure for the coming year.

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B. INVOCATION
The Director invited Superintendent Sharon Pyke to provide the Invocation.

C. ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICIAL RETURNS, CONFIRMATION OF DECLARATION OF OFFICE AND OATHS OF ALLEGIANCE
The Director announced that the official returns have been received by each of the Municipalities with respect to the October 22, 2018 Municipal Election. Further to those election results, Trustees for the Greater Essex County District School Board were introduced for the Board Term 2018-2023. Trustees were congratulated on their appointment to the Greater Essex County District School Board.

Trustees rose and affirmed their Declaration of Office and Oath of Allegiance.

D. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCRUTINEERS
The Director announced that Superintendent J. Howitt and Superintendent Antaya would be the scrutineers.
E. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON (Section 5:25 of By-Laws)

Director Kelly called for nominations for the Chairperson of the Board.

MOVED BY TRUSTEE HALBERSTADT

THAT TRUSTEE SARTORI BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD.

Trustee Sartori accepted the nomination.

MOVED BY TRUSTEE HATFIELD

THAT TRUSTEE LE CLAIR BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD.

Trustee Le Clair accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations, Director Kelly called for a motion that nominations be closed.

MOVED BY TRUSTEE BURGESS
SECONDED BY TRUSTEE OMSTEAD
THAT NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD BE CLOSED.

The vote was called and it CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The ballots were distributed, collected and counted for the election of the Chairperson of the Board.

Trustee Sartori was elected as the Chairperson of the Board.

Chairperson Sartori assumed the Chair.

F. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON (Section 5:40 of By-Laws)

Chairperson Sartori called for nominations for the Vice-Chairperson of the Board.

MOVED BY TRUSTEE OMSTEAD
THAT TRUSTEE BURGESS BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD.

Trustee Burgess accepted the nomination.

MOVED BY TRUSTEE HATFIELD
THAT TRUSTEE LECLAIR BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD.

Trustee LeClair accepted the nomination.

MOVED BY TRUSTEE HIGGISON
SECONDED BY TRUSTEE HALBERSTADT
THAT NOMINATIONS FOR VICE-CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD BE CLOSED.

The vote was called and it CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The ballots were distributed, collected and counted for the election of the Vice-Chairperson of the Board.

The Director reported that the vote was tied.

The ballots were distributed, collected and counted for the election of the Vice-Chairperson of the Board.
It was noted that since this was the second tie vote according to board by-laws lots shall be drawn to fill the position.

The Director pulled Trustee Burgess’ name from the hat.

Chairperson Sartori announced that Trustee Burgess was selected as the Vice-Chairperson of the Board.

**G. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON OF STANDING COMMITTEES (Article 8 of By-Laws)**

**G.1 Election of Chairperson of the Education Committee**

Chairperson Sartori called for nominations for the Chairperson of the Education Committee.

**MOVED BY TRUSTEE OMSTEAD**

**THAT TRUSTEE HIGGISON BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF CHAIRPERSON OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE.**

Trustee Higgison accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations Chairperson Sartori announced that Trustee Higgison was acclaimed as Chairperson of the Education Committee.

**G.2 Election of Vice-Chairperson of the Education Committee**

Chairperson Sartori called for nominations for the Vice-Chairperson of the Education Committee.

**MOVED BY TRUSTEE HIGGISON**

**THAT TRUSTEE OMSTEAD BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE.**

Trustee Omstead accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations Chairperson Sartori announced that Trustee Omstead was acclaimed as Vice-Chairperson of the Education Committee.

**G.3 Election of Chairperson of Operations and Finance Committee**

Chairperson Sartori called for nominations for the Chairperson of the Operations and Finance Committee.

**MOVED BY TRUSTEE CIPKAR**

**THAT TRUSTEE HALBERSTADT BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF CHAIRPERSON OF THE OPERATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

Trustee Halberstadt accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations Chairperson Sartori announced Trustee Halberstadt was acclaimed as Chairperson of the Operations and Finance Committee.

**G.4 Election of Vice-Chairperson of Operations and Finance Committee**

Chairperson Sartori called for nominations for the Vice-Chairperson of the Operations and Finance Committee.
MOVED BY TRUSTEE HALBERSTADT
THAT TRUSTEE CIKPAR BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON OF THE OPERATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Trustee Cipkar accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations Chairperson Sartori announced that Trustee Cipkar was acclaimed as Vice-Chairperson of the Operations and Finance Committee.

H. OTHER NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS (Section 2:17 By-Laws)

H.1 OPSBA Director and Alternate for the period December 1, 2018 to November 30, 2019

Chairperson Sartori called for nominations for the OPSBA Director for the period December 1, 2018 to November 30, 2019.

MOVED BY TRUSTEE CIKPAR
TRUSTEE BURGESS NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF THE OPSBA DIRECTOR FOR THE PERIOD DECEMBER 1, 2018 TO NOVEMBER 30, 2019.

Trustee Burgess accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations Trustee Burgess was acclaimed as OPSBA Director for the period of December 1, 2018 to November 30, 2019.

Chairperson Sartori called for nominations for the OPSBA Director Alternate for the period December 1, 2018 to November 30, 2019.

MOVED BY TRUSTEE BURGESS
THAT TRUSTEE CIKPAR BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF THE OPSBA DIRECTOR ALTERNATE FOR THE PERIOD DECEMBER 1, 2018 TO NOVEMBER 30, 2019.

Trustee Cipkar accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations Chairperson Sartori announced that Trustee Cipkar was acclaimed as the OPSBA Director Alternate for the period of December 1, 2018 to November 30, 2019.

H.2 OPSBA Voting Delegate and Alternate for the 2019 Annual General Meeting

Chairperson Sartori called for nominations for the OPSBA Voting Delegate for the 2019 Annual General Meeting.

MOVED BY TRUSTEE BURGESS
TRUSTEE CIKPAR NOMINATED FOR POSITION OF THE OPSBA VOTING DELEGATE FOR THE 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Trustee Cipkar accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations Trustee Cipkar was acclaimed as the OPSBA voting delegate.

MOVED BY TRUSTEE BURGESS
THAT TRUSTEE BURGESS BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF THE OPSBA VOTING DELEGATE ALTERNATE FOR THE 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Trustee Burgess accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations Chairperson Sartori announced that Trustee Burgess was acclaimed as the OPSBA Voting Delegate Alternate.
H.3 Special Education Advisory Committee
Two Trustees and one alternate to be appointed for the Board term 2018-2023.

MOVED BY TRUSTEE OMSPEED
THAT TRUSTEE COOKE BE NOMINATED TO SERVE ON THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Trustee Cooke accepted the nomination.

MOVED BY TRUSTEE HATFIELD
TRUSTEE QIN BE NOMINATED TO SERVE ON THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Trustee Qin accepted the nomination.

MOVED BY TRUSTEE BURGESS
THAT TRUSTEE OMSPEED BE NOMINATED TO SERVE ON THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Trustee Omstead accepted the nomination.

MOVED BY TRUSTEE BURGESS
SECONDED BY TRUSTEE HIGGISON
THAT NOMINATIONS FOR SEAC COMMITTEE BE CLOSED.

The ballots were distributed, collected and counted for the election of the Special Education Advisory Committee members.

Chairperson Sartori announced that Trustee Cooke and Trustee Omstead were elected to serve on the Special Education Advisory Committee for the Board Term 2018-2023.

MOVED BY TRUSTEE HATFIELD
THAT TRUSTEE QIN BE NOMINATED TO SERVE ON THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Alternate.

Trustee Qin accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations Chairperson Sartori announced that Trustee Qin was acclaimed to serve as the Alternate on the Special Education Advisory Committee for the Board Term 2018-2023.

H.4 Supervised Alternative Learning Committee
Two Trustees (1 county, 1 city) and one alternate.

Chairperson Sartori called for nominations for the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee City Representative.

MOVED BY TRUSTEE BURGESS
THAT TRUSTEE COOKE BE NOMINATED TO SERVE ON THE SUPERVISED ALTERNATIVE COMMITTEE AS THE CITY REPRESENTATIVE.

Trustee Cooke accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations Chairperson Sartori announced that Trustee Cooke was acclaimed to serve on the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee as the city representative.
Chairperson Sartori called for nominations for the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee County Representative.

MOVED BY TRUSTEE COOKE
THAT TRUSTEE OMSTEAD BE NOMINATED TO SERVE ON THE SUPERVISED ALTERNATIVE LEARNING COMMITTEE AS THE COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE.

Trustee Omstead accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations Chairperson Sartori announced that Trustee Omstead was acclaimed to position of Supervised Alternative Learning Committee County Representative.

Chairperson Sartori called for nominations for the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee Alternate.

MOVED BY TRUSTEE BURGESS
THAT TRUSTEE HALBERSTADT BE NOMINATED TO SERVE ON THE SUPERVISED ALTERNATIVE LEARNING COMMITTEE AS THE ALTERNATE.

Trustee Halberstadt accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations Chairperson Sartori announced Trustee Halberstadt was acclaimed as the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee alternate.

H.5 Greater Essex County Parent Involvement Committee

Chairperson Sartori called for nominations for the Greater Essex County Parent Involvement Committee.

MOVED BY TRUSTEE COOKE
TRUSTEE HIGGISON BE NOMINATED TO SERVE ON THE GREATER ESSEX COUNTY PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE.

Trustee Higgison accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations Chairperson Sartori announced that Trustee Higgison was acclaimed to serve on the Greater Essex County Parent Involvement Committee.

Chairperson Sartori called for nominations for the Greater Essex County Parent Involvement Committee - Alternate.

TRUSTEE BURGESS SELF NOMINATED TO SERVE ON THE GREATER ESSEX COUNTY PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE AS THE ALTERNATE.

There being no further nominations Chairperson Sartori announced that Trustee Burgess was acclaimed to serve on the Greater Essex County Parent Involvement Committee – Alternate.

H.6 Audit Committee
(Three Trustees elected to serve for the term)

MOVED BY TRUSTEE LECLAIR
TRUSTEE HATFIELD BE NOMINATED TO SERVE ON THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Trustee Hatfield accepted the nomination.

MOVED BY TRUSTEE CIPKAR
THAT TRUSTEE HALBERSTADT BE NOMINATED TO SERVE ON THE AUDIT COMMITTEE
Trustee Halberstadt accepted the nomination.

MOVED BY TRUSTEE HATFIELD
THAT TRUSTEE LE CLAIR BE NOMINATED TO SERVE ON THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Trustee Le Clair accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations Chairperson Sartori announced that Trustees Hatfield, Halberstadt and Le Clair were acclaimed to serve on the Audit Committee.

I. MOTION TO DESTROY BALLOTS
MOVED BY TRUSTEE CIPKAR
SECONDED BY TRUSTEE COOKE
THAT THE BALLOTS BE DESTROYED.

The vote was taken and it CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

K. CHAIRPERSON’S REMARKS
Thank you again for your support. I am so excited to work alongside all of you for the next four years and I am grateful for the opportunity to help lead us through this inaugural year.

The Vision Statement in our board’s 5-year plan is: Building Tomorrow Together – Every Learner, Every Day. And our Mission Statement commits us to: Excellence in Public Education.

The Greater Essex County District Board has an important role in this community. To educate and help raise the next generation of leaders as well as practice ethical stewardship with a significant budget and resources that come from the public purse, and finally, engaging stakeholders in this community.

These are significant responsibilities, especially at this pivotal time for the Windsor/Essex community. Mayor Dilkens talked about economic diversification and we know that the education of our children will certainly have an impact on the economic development of our community.

We also know that over 1/4 of the children in our community live in poverty. We see these patterns reflected in our school communities. What can we do to help mitigate the effects of poverty on our children?

Everyone in this room can be really proud of their professional contributions throughout this board. We offer innovative programming that is responsive to the needs of the community, we have strong special education programs, and we celebrate our diversity.

We can’t solve every problem. Many of these issues are not school board issues, and we are not front and centre, but we can have an impact by working together and keeping our focus on our Mission and Vision. I truly believe that we have the parts to do some amazing things. And I thank you for trusting me to lead us through this inaugural year.

There’s lots of work ahead, but let’s first celebrate our past successes and future opportunities. I hope everyone will join us for some refreshments after the meeting.

L. ADJOURNMENT
Chairperson Sartori invited all present to join Trustees for a reception in the Cafeteria. The Chairperson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.