

**RENFREW COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 7, 2024  
at 2:00 PM**

**OPEN SESSION**

*Vice-Chairperson L. Boland in the Chair.*

**TRUSTEES Present:** D. Dobson; K. Dougherty; M. Guenette; S. Humphries; J. Primeau

**TRUSTEES Absent (With Regret):** C. Ruddy; D. Kaiser

**STAFF Present:** K. Niemi; M. Caplan Jamieson; S. McIntyre; H. MacMillan

**STAFF Absent (With Regret):** *Senior Staff were excused from attending.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chairperson L. Boland called the meeting to order.

**2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Vice-Chairperson L. Boland read the Territorial Acknowledgement.

**3. INVOCATION**

The invocation was read by Trustee M. Guenette.

**4. ATTENDANCE**

Attendance for today's meeting was recorded.

**5. APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGENDA**

MOVED BY D. DOBSON seconded by K. Dougherty that the Renfrew County District School Board approves the amended agenda for today's meeting.

**The motion was CARRIED**

**6. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Vice-Chairperson L. Boland asked for declarations of conflict. None were forthcoming.

**7. OUTLINE OF PROCESS**

Vice-Chairperson L. Boland gave an overview of the process for the Trustee Vacancy interviews.

**8. TRUSTEE VACANCY INTERVIEWS**

The following candidates were interviewed virtually for the Trustee vacancy position:

- (1) Jilliane Portelli
- (2) Alicia Sage
- (3) Karthi Rajamani
- (4) Constance Cull
- (5) Roger Clarke
- (6) Danya Pastuszek
- (7) Tim Kielman

9. **A motion to move into Closed Session was moved by K. DOUGHERTY seconded by S. Humphries.**

**The motion was CARRIED**

**A motion to move out of Closed Session and into Open Session was moved by J. PRIMEAU seconded by M. Guenette.**

**The motion was CARRIED**

10. **OPEN SESSION: ANNOUNCEMENT OF CANDIDATES INVITED FOR AN IN-PERSON INTERVIEW AND DISCUSSION SURROUNDING THE PROCESS OF THE IN-PERSON INTERVIEW**

In alphabetical order, and not necessarily in the order of highest to lowest points, the following are the top three candidates who will be invited to the second round of in-person interviews:

- (1) Roger Clarke
- (2) Danya Pastuszek
- (3) Karthi Rajamani

There was a clear fourth place candidate.

All seven candidates will be emailed these results following this Special Board Meeting.

Vice-Chairperson L. Boland facilitated a conversation concerning the second interview. The second interview is set to place on Wednesday, February 21, 2024 from 10:00 AM – 12 Noon. The three candidates are expected to attend in-person. Trustees support maintaining the format of a special board meeting where interviews will occur in Open Session and deliberations and voting will take place in Closed Session. Trustees are encouraged to attend in-person. Each interview will last approximately 20 minutes, consisting of approximately four questions.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED BY D. DOBSON seconded by M Guenette that the Renfrew County District School Board Special Board Meeting of February 7, 2024 be adjourned. Time: 5:18 PM**

**The motion was CARRIED**