Lambton Kent District School Board
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ANNUAL ORGANIZATION BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 2026

7:00 p.m.

Board Room, Sarnia Education Centre
200 Wellington Street, Sarnia, ON

A G E N D A

1. Call to Order – Gary Girardi, Chief Executive Officer
2. Traditional Territorial Acknowledgement
3. Student Performance
4. Greetings: Brian McKay, Associate Director
5. Appointment of Student Trustee Scrutineers
6. Election of the Chairperson of the Board
   - Nominations
   - Opportunity for Nominees to Speak
   - Casting of Secret Ballots

   New Chairperson Assumes the Chair
7. Address by the Chairperson of the Board
8. Election of the Vice-Chairperson of the Board
   - Nominations
   - Opportunity for Nominees to Speak
   - Casting of Secret Ballots
9. Address by the Vice-Chairperson of the Board
10. Election of the Delegate and Alternate to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association
11. Striking Committee Retires to Select Composition of Board Committees
12. Report of the Striking Committee Annual Trustee Committee Assignments – Report B-27-01 (distributed at the Board Meeting)
13. Motion to destroy all ballots
14. Appointment of Signing Officers of the Board – Report B-27-02
15. Appointment of Legal Counsel for the Board – Report B-27-02
16. Appointment of Auditors for the Board – Report B-27-02
17. Adjournment

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REGULAR BOARD, PUBLIC SESSION
REPORT TO BOARD

REPORT NO. B-27-02

LEARNING — We hold high expectations for all learners

WELL-BEING — We value & care for each other

TRUST — We invest in relationships & commit to fiscal responsibility

BELONGING — We champion anti-oppressive education and create equitable, welcoming environments where everyone feels valued and empowered to thrive

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FROM: **Brian McKay, Associate Director – Corporate Services**

DATE: **November 17, 2026**

SUBJECT: **Signing Officers, Legal Counsels and Auditor for the Board**

According to its Procedural By-Laws, the Board must appoint its signing officers and legal counsel for the ensuing term. Currently, they are:

Signing Officers: Gary Girardi, Chief Executive Officer and Secretary of the Board
Brian McKay, Associate Director–Corporate Services and Treasurer of the Board

Legal Counsels:

Hicks Morley LLP *(for matters involving personnel)*
77 King Street, West, 39th Floor
P.O. Box 371, TD Centre
Toronto, ON M5K 1K8

Mathews, Dinsdale & Clark LLP
The Well, 35th Floor
8 Spadina Avenue
Toronto, ON
M5V 0S8

Harrison Pensa LLP *(for business, financial & property matters)*
130 Dufferin Ave
Suite 1101
London, ON N6A 5R2

The legal firms identified in this report are expected to represent the Board's primary legal service providers. Administration may, at its discretion, retain other qualified legal counsel where specialized expertise, conflicts of interest, capacity, urgency or the particular circumstances of a matter warrant alternative representation.

Auditor: MNP LLP
708 Wellington Street
Wallaceburg, ON
N8A 2Y6

Through its Request for Proposal process, the Board secured an external auditor for the term April 1, 2023 – March 31, 2028.

RECOMMENDATION #1:
"That, for the term of November 2026 to November 2027, the Board appoint Gary Girardi, Chief Executive Officer and Secretary of the Board and Brian McKay, Associate Director – Corporate Services and Treasurer of the Board as its official signing officers."

RECOMMENDATION #2:
"That, for the term of November 2026 to November 2027, the Board appoint the legal firms of: (a) Hicks Morley LLP, (b) Mathews, Dinsdale & Clark LLP and (c) Harrison Pensa LLP as its official legal counsels to conduct business."

RECOMMENDATION #3:
"That, for the term of November 2026 to November 2027, the Board appoint the auditing firm of MNP LLP as its official auditor."