District School Board
Ontario North East

Audit Committee

Monday, May 11, 2026
Schumacher Board Office and Microsoft Teams

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Bob Brush	Trustee
Jonathan Byer	Trustee- Chair
Jamie Johnston	External Member
Greg Paquette	External Member
Brian Peever	Trustee

GUESTS

Derek D'Angelo	KPMG-External Auditor
Melissa Dodge	Internal Auditor

OBSERVERS

NIL

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Lesleigh Dye	Director of Education
Lisa Edwards	Superintendent of Business/Finance

RECORDING SECRETARY

Jessica Hardy	Executive Assistant to the Superintendent of Business/Finance

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Byer, Chair of the Audit Committee, called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

All committee members were present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

PEEVER **THAT** the agenda for the Audit Committee Meeting dated May 11, 2026, be approved.

CARRIED

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Trustees declaring a conflict of interest were asked to do so in writing, with a log kept on file by the Board Chair's. Trustees declaring a conflict are to disconnect from Microsoft Teams at the time of the discussion and will receive a text from the Director of Education / Secretary of the Board when they are welcome to join.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

BRUSH

THAT the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting dated December 8th, 2025, be approved.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

NIL

STAFF REPORTS

2026-2027 AUDIT PLAN

The Internal Auditor presented the proposed 2026-2027 audit plan to the committee, outlining the completion of previous audits, upcoming focus areas, and the need to redo the risk assessment.

PAQUETTE

THAT the Audit Committee recommend the Board approve the 2026-2027 Audit Plan.

CARRIED

SUCCESSION PLANNING REPORT

The Internal Auditor presented the finalized succession planning report, highlighting the addition of a management action plan with due dates and detailing steps for critical task documentation, competency profiles and retention strategies with on-going follow-up scheduled.

RECOMMENDATION FOLLOW-UP SUMMARY

The Internal Auditor provided a summary of follow-up actions on previous audit recommendations, focusing on the attendance support audit, where new software integration is underway and a revised completion date has been set, with annual updates to the committee planned.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS FOR 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR

At the time of discussion, Derek D'Angelo, KPMG External Auditor excused himself from the meeting. Chair Byer raised concerns about the risks of retaining the same firm for many years, referencing best practices and guidelines. It was noted that KPMG has been the Board external auditors for approximately 9 years.

PEEVER

THAT the Audit Committee recommend the Board reappoint KPMG, LLP, Licensed Professional Accountants as auditors for the year ending August 2026.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

PAQUETTE

THAT this Audit Committee now adjourn.

CARRIED

The committee adjourned at 12:17 p.m.