



**MINUTES OF BOARD (REGULAR SESSION) MEETING NO. 09/2026
OF
THE DISTRICT OF THUNDER BAY SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BOARD**

DATE OF MEETING: May 21, 2026

TIME OF MEETING: 10:02 am

LOCATION OF MEETING: Microsoft Teams &
3rd Floor Boardroom
TBDSSAB Headquarters
231 May Street South
Thunder Bay, ON

CHAIR: Jim Vezina

PRESENT:

Albert Aiello
Gordon Cuthbertson
Kasey Etreni
Brian Hamilton
Greg Johnson
Kathleen Lynch
Elaine Mannisto
Jim Moffat
Dominic Pasqualino
Don Smith
Jim Vezina

OFFICIALS:

Ken Ranta, Chief Executive Officer
Crystal Simeoni, Director, Integrated Social Services Division
Richard Jagielowicz, Director, Corporate Services Division
Shari MacKenzie, Manager, Human Resources
Tomi Akinyede, Supervisor, Research & Social Policy
Michael Shafirka, Manager, Information Services
Bindiya Patel, Communications Assistant
Glenda Flank, Recording Secretary

REGRETS:

Anne-Marie Bourgeault
Chris Eby

Note: For the purposes of the Minutes references to TBDSSAB or the Board refers to The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board of Directors as relevant to specific agenda items; references to TBDHC or the Board refers to the Directors of Thunder Bay District Housing Corporation as relevant to specific agenda items. References to CEO refer jointly to the Chief Executive Officer of TBDSSAB and Senior Administrator of TBDHC.

BOARD (REGULAR SESSION) MEETING

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Brian Hamilton, Board Member declared a potential conflict of interest relative to the AMO position paper regarding Ontario Works Income and Exemptions Directive.

NEW BUSINESS

None

CONFIRMATION OF BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Resolution No. 26/29

Moved by: Elaine Mannisto
Seconded by: Kathleen Lynch

THAT with respect to the agendas for the Board Regular and Closed Session meetings of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board for May 21, 2026, we approve the agendas as presented;

AND THAT we approve any additional information and new business.

CARRIED

DEPUTATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

None

CLOSED SESSION MEETING

Administration recommended that the Board adjourn to a closed meeting relative to receipt of information with respect to personal matters about identifiable individuals, including employees of the Corporation and Board Members, a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the Corporation, a matter in respect of which a council, board, committee or other body may hold a closed meeting under another statute and with respect to security of the property of the Corporation.

Resolution No. 26/30

Moved by: Albert Aiello
Seconded by: Gordon Cuthbertson

THAT the Board adjourns to Closed Session relative to receipt of information with respect to personal matters about identifiable individuals, including employees of the Corporation and Board Members, a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the Corporation, a matter in respect of which a council, board, committee or other body may hold a closed meeting under another statute and with respect to security of the property of the Corporation.

CARRIED

At 11:14 am the meeting reconvened in Regular Session and Tomi Akinyede, Supervisor, Research & Social Policy joined the meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Board Meetings

Minutes of TBDSSAB Meeting No. 07/2026 (Regular Session) presented in Regular Session and Meeting No. 08/2026 (Closed Session) presented in Closed Session, held on April 30, 2026 were provided for confirmation.

Resolution No. 26/31

Moved by: Albert Aiello
Seconded by: Greg Johnsen

THAT the Minutes of Meeting No. 07/2026 (Regular Session) and Meeting No. 08/2026 (Closed Session) of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board, held on April 30, 2026, respectively, be confirmed.

CARRIED

Annual General Meeting

Draft Minutes of the Twenty-Third Annual General Meeting of TBDSSAB, held on April 30, 2026, were presented.

Committee/Table Meetings

None

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION

2026 Association of Municipalities of
Ontario Position Papers

Report No. 2026-16 (Chief Executive Officer Division), was presented to the Board providing the position papers for the 2026 AMO Annual Conference. A discussion was held regarding the first 3 AMO position papers.

Ken Ranta, CEO provided clarification and responded to questions.

Tomi Akinyede, Supervisor, Research & Social Policy provided further information.

Crystal Simeoni, Director, Integrated Social Services responded to questions.

Resolution No. 26/32A

Moved by: Kathleen Lynch
Seconded by: Albert Aiello

THAT with respect to Report No. 2026-16 (Chief Executive Officer Division) we, The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board (the Board) receive the 2026 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Position Papers, specifically Increasing Housing Stock to Support Indigenous Peoples Experiencing Homelessness in the District of Thunder Bay, Growing Supportive Housing with Increased Mental Health & Addictions Supports and COCHI-OPHI Investments for the Future of Housing in the District of Thunder Bay, as amended;

AND THAT we direct the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to incorporate any edits to the position papers recommended by the Board by consensus into a final delegation package;

AND THAT we direct the CEO to send the final delegation package to the appropriate provincial Ministries;

AND THAT a copy of the approved delegation briefings package be sent to the District of Thunder Bay municipal councils for endorsement;

AND THAT the CEO attend the 2026 AMO Annual Conference to provide support to the Board Chair and other Board members in their meetings with provincial officials regarding these issues.

CARRIED

At 11:34 am Brian Hamilton, Board Member left the meeting.

A discussion was held regarding the 4th AMO position paper.

Ken Ranta, CEO responded to questions.

Resolution No. 26/32B

Moved by: Jim Moffat

Seconded by: Don Smith

THAT with respect to Report No. 2026-16 (Chief Executive Officer Division) we, The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board (the Board) receive the 2026 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Position Paper Amending Ontario Works' Income and Exemptions Directive, as amended;

AND THAT we direct the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to incorporate any edits to the position papers recommended by the Board by consensus into a final delegation package;

AND THAT we direct the CEO to send the final delegation package to the appropriate provincial Ministries;

AND THAT a copy of the approved delegation briefings package be sent to the District of Thunder Bay municipal councils for endorsement;

AND THAT the CEO attend the 2026 AMO Annual Conference to provide support to the Board Chair and other Board members in their meetings with provincial officials regarding these issues.

CARRIED

At 11:48 am Brian Hamilton, Board member joined the meeting and Tomi Akinyede, Supervisor, Research & Social Policy left the meeting.

Public Virtual Access to Board Meetings

Memorandum from Ken Ranta, CEO (Chief Executive Officer Division) dated April 27, 2026 was presented to the Board providing information regarding virtual access to TBDSSAB Board Meetings to the public.

Ken Ranta, CEO provided a brief overview of the memorandum and responded to questions.

At 11:56 am Michael Shafirka, Manager, Information Services joined the meeting.

TWOMO Election Returning Officer

Memorandum from Ken Ranta, CEO (Chief Executive Officer Division) dated April 24, 2026 was presented providing the Board with information and recommendation regarding the appointment of the TWOMO Election Returning Officer.

Resolution No. 26/33

Moved by: Dominic Pasqualino
Seconded by: Albert Aiello

THAT with respect to the Memorandum from Ken Ranta, Chief Executive Officer, we, The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board, appoint the Chief Executive Officer as the Returning Officer for the 2026 TWOMO election.

CARRIED

Protection of Privacy Policy – TWOMO Election

Report No. 2026-17 (Corporate Services Division), was presented to the Board providing a revised protection of privacy policy relative to the TWOMO Election.

Ken Ranta, CEO provided an introduction to the report and responded to questions.

Richard Jagielowicz, Director, Corporate Services provided an overview of the highlights of the report and policy.

Resolution No. 26/34

Moved by: Brian Hamilton
Seconded by: Kasey Etrene

THAT with respect to Report No. 2026-17 (Corporate Services Division) we, The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board, approve the revised Protection of Privacy policy as attached;

AND THAT the Chief Executive Officer be authorized to amend the Protection of Privacy policy with respect to housekeeping items, as may be required from time to time.

CARRIED

At 12:01 pm Tomi Akinyede, Supervisor, Research & Social Policy joined the meeting and Michael Shafirka, Manager, Information Services left the meeting.

2024-27 Strategic Plan - 2026 First Quarter Update

Report No. 2026-18 (Chief Executive Officer Division), was presented to the Board providing the 2026 first quarter progress update on the 2024-27 Strategic Plan.

Ken Ranta, CEO provided a brief overview of the report.

2026 First Quarter Operational Report

Report No. 2026-19 (Integrated Social Services Division), was presented to the Board providing information containing the trends within TBDSSAB programs and services.

Tomi Akinyede, Supervisor, Research & Social Policy provided brief highlights of the report and responded to questions.

Ken Ranta, CEO responded to questions.

On consensus, Administration to provide a response to the Board regarding the significant difference in the OW Caseload numbers.

At 12:09 pm Tomi Akinyede, Supervisor, Research & Social Policy left the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

BY-LAWS

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board will be held on Thursday, June 18, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., in the 3rd Floor Boardroom, TBDSSAB Headquarters, 231 May Street South, Thunder Bay, Ontario and via Microsoft Teams.

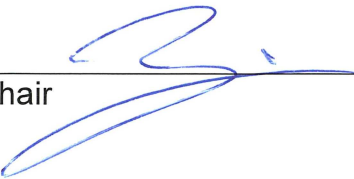
ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 26/35

Moved by: Elaine Mannisto
Seconded by: Greg Johnsen

THAT Board (Regular Session) Meeting No. 09/2026 of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board, held on May 21, 2026, be adjourned at 12:11 pm.

CARRIED



Chair



Chief Executive Officer