



**MINUTES OF BOARD (REGULAR SESSION) MEETING NO. 03/2026
OF**

THE DISTRICT OF THUNDER BAY SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BOARD

DATE OF MEETING: February 19, 2026

TIME OF MEETING: 10:10 a.m.

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

CHAIR: Jim Vezina

PRESENT:

Albert Aiello
Anne-Marie Bourgeault
Shelby Ch'ng
Gordon Cuthbertson
Chris Eby
Brian Hamilton
Greg Johnson
Kathleen Lynch
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
Dawnette Hoard, Manager, Child Care & Early Years Programs
Aaron Park, Manager, Housing & Homelessness Programs
Tomi Akinyede, Supervisor, Research & Social Policy
Carole Lem, Communications & Engagement Officer
Bindiya Patel, Communications Assistant
Larissa Jones, Communications Assistant
Glenda Flank, Recording Secretary

REGRETS:

Kasey Etreni
Elaine Mannisto

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

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Greg Johnsen, Board Member requested that a discussion regarding having Administration attend budget discussions for the City of Thunder Bay and member municipalities Council meetings to discuss the TBDSSAB budget and respond to questions be added to the Agenda.

On consensus, this topic to be added to the March Agenda for discussion.

CONFIRMATION OF BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Resolution No. 26/07

Moved by: Brian Hamilton
Seconded by: Chris Eby

THAT with respect to the Board Regular and Closed Session meetings of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board for February 19, 2026, we approve the agenda 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 a matter in respect of which a council, board, committee or other body may hold a closed meeting under another statute.

Resolution No. 26/08

Moved by: Albert Aiello
Seconded by: Don Smith

THAT the Board adjourn to Closed Session relative to receipt of information with respect to a matter in which a council, board, committee or other body may hold a closed meeting under another statute regarding the Child Care Capital Funding Update.

CARRIED

At 10:24 am the meeting reconvened in Regular Session, Dawnette Hoard, Manager, Child Care & Early Years left the meeting and Aaron Park, Manager, Housing & Homelessness Programs joined the meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Board Meetings

Minutes of TBDSSAB Meeting No. 01/2026 (Regular Session) presented in Regular Session and Meeting No. 02/2026 (Closed Session) presented in Closed Session, held on January 15, 2026 were provided for confirmation.

Resolution No. 26/09

Moved by: Jim Moffat
Seconded by: Anne-Marie Bourgeault

THAT the Minutes of Meeting No. 01/2026 (Regular Session) and Meeting No. 02/2026 (Closed Session) of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board, held on January 15, 2026, respectively, be confirmed.

CARRIED

Committee/Table Meetings

None

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION

Amalgamation of Community Housing Projects

Report No. 2026-02 (Integrated Social Services Division) was presented to the Board providing information regarding the transfer of assets of Chateaulac Housing Incorporated to Geraldton Municipal Housing Corporation.

Crystal Simeoni, Director, Integrated Social Services Division provided a brief overview of the process involved regarding the transfer of assets and responded to questions.

Resolution No. 26/10

Moved by: Jim Moffat
Seconded by: Kathleen Lynch

THAT with respect to Report No. 2026-02 (Integrated Social Services Division) we, The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board, consent to the transfer of the assets of Chateaulac Housing Incorporated to Geraldton Municipal Housing Corporation.

AND THAT we authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute any related documentation required.

AND THAT a copy of the resolution be provided to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

CARRIED

NOSDA Pooling Association Agreement

Report No. 2026-03 (Chief Executive Officer Division), was presented to the Board providing information regarding the NOSDA Pooling Association and Administration's recommendation to enter into an Association Agreement.

Ken Ranta, CEO provided a brief overview of the discussions held with NOSDA and the development of the Association Agreement, provided Administrations recommendation to approve the signing of the Agreement and responded to questions.

Resolution No. 26/11

Moved by: Brian Hamilton
Seconded by: Albert Aiello

THAT with respect to Report No. 2026-03 (Chief Executive Officer Division), we The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board approve entering into an agreement with the Northern Ontario Service Deliverers' Association (NOSDA) Pooling Association to enable group access to federal and provincial housing development funding;

AND THAT we authorize the Board Chair and Chief Executive Officer to execute the NOSDA Association Agreement and any related documentation required;

AND THAT any District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board project development opportunity considered for inclusion in the

NOSDA Pooling Association be brought to the Board for review and approval;

AND THAT any necessary By-law be presented to the Board for consideration.

CARRIED

At 10:39 am Tomi Akinyede, Supervisor, Research & Social Policy joined the meeting.

OrgCode Consulting Inc. Community
Report on Homelessness

Report No. 2026-04 (Integrated Social Services Division), was presented to the Board providing the final Community Report prepared by OrgCode Consulting Inc.

Crystal Simeoni, Director, Integrated Social Services Division provided an overview of the report including the responses to OrgCode's survey provided to the community.

Tomi Akinyede, Supervisor, Research & Social Policy provided information regarding the development of information and materials regarding the survey conducted, results received and use of data and information results and responded to questions.

Aaron Park, Manager, Housing & Homelessness Programs provided information regarding the use of the information in developing the new TBDSSAB Housing and Homelessness Plan, use of data from reporting tool and responded to questions.

At 11:10 am Albert Aiello, Board Member left the meeting.

Ken Ranta, CEO provided further information, clarification and responded to questions.

2025 Fourth Quarter Operational Update

Report No. 2026-05 (Integrated Social Services Division), presented to the Board providing information containing the trends within TBDSSAB programs and services.

At 11:26 am Aaron Park, Manager, Housing & Homelessness Programs and Larissa Jones, Communications Assistant left the meeting and Albert Aiello, Board Member joined the meeting.

Crystal Simeoni, Director, Integrated Social Services Division provide a brief overview of the highlights from the 4th Quarter Operational Report and responded to questions.

Tomi Akinyede, Supervisor, Research & Social Policy provided further information and responded to questions.

Crystal Simeoni, Director, Integrated Social Services Division provided clarification.

At 11:32 am Tomi Akinyede, Supervisor, Research & Social Policy left the meeting.

2025 Fourth Quarter Strategic Plan Update

Report No. 2026-06 (Chief Executive Officer Division) was presented to the Board providing the 2025 fourth quarter progress Update on the 2024-27 Strategic Plan.

Ken Ranta, CEO provided a brief overview of the completion of the strategic objectives.

At 11:39 am Larissa Jones, Communications Assistant joined the meeting.

Advocacy & Engagement Annual Update

Report No. 2026-07 (Chief Executive Officer Division) was presented to the Board providing the annual update regarding Advocacy & Engagement.

Ken Ranta, CEO provided a brief overview of the report, highlighting the number of advocacy reports completed and responded to questions.

Indigenous Advisory Table - Update

Ken Ranta, Chief Executive Officer provided a verbal update relative to the Indigenous Advisory Table relative to the number of participants recruited for the Advisory Table, the steps to continue with recruitment to complete the complement of Table Members and responded to questions.

Carole Lem, Communications & Engagement Officer provided an update on the organizations and stakeholders contacted and the methods of media used to communicate the recruitment information to the public.

Ken Ranta, CEO provided clarification on development of the Terms of Reference and

On consensus, Administration to provide the Board with the Terms of Reference for the Indigenous Advisory Table to assist in the recruitment of additional members for the Advisory Table.

CORRESPONDENCE

City of Thunder Bay Board Representation

City of Thunder Bay email received January 16, 2026 and Council Resolution was presented providing information regarding a change in representation on the TBDSSAB Board.

Ken Ranta, CEO provided an introduction to Shelby Ch'ng as returning Board Member replacing Ken Boshcoff.

BY-LAWS

None

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board will be held on Thursday, March 19, 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. 26/12

Moved by: Shelby Ch'ng
Seconded by: Gordon Cuthbertson

THAT the Regular Session Board Meeting No. 03/2026 of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board, held on February 19, 2026, be adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

CARRIED

Chair

Chief Executive Officer