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Valentinis acclaimed Chair

Trustee Lisa Soulliere to stay on as Vice-Chair

(Windsor, Ontario, Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2020) – Trustee Fulvio Valentinis will stay on as the Chair of the WECDSB for another year while Trustee Lisa Soulliere will remain as the Vice-Chair of the Board. Both were acclaimed to their third terms in the positions at tonight's annual organizational meeting.

"I'm delighted to stay on in this position for another year," said Valentinis, who serves Wards 1 and 10, and has sat on the Board's audit and multi-year strategic plan committees. "We're navigating our way through some very challenging times due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and we've been working very well with our senior administrative team on making sure we continue to provide safe learning environments for our students and staff. At a time like this, it will be very important to maintain stability in our organization."

Elections for the position of Chair and Vice-Chair are held on an annual basis, and Trustees cast their votes for these positions at the Board's yearly organizational meeting.

Soulliere, who was first elected in 2000 and represents the Lakeshore area, currently serves on the Board's Indigenous Education Advisory Committee and the Special Education Advisory Committee. Ensuring that student success remains a priority despite the pandemic is one of her top priorities.

"As trustees we have an obligation to make sure that we are focused on providing outstanding learning experiences for our students," said Soulliere. "The pandemic poses some serious challenges, but our administration has demonstrated its ability to pivot and provide our teachers and support staff with the resources they need to make sure that we continue to meet the needs of our students. I look forward to working with our administrative team on ensuring that we stay focused on our priorities."

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