

Hamilton Jewish Family Services

Annual General Meeting September 20, 2022

7:00 pm via ZOOM

The meeting began with HJFS president Hanna Schayer welcoming everybody in attendance, reading a Land Acknowledgement, and then recognizing the Board and Staff members who were present. Hanna then went on to introduce the new Executive Director, Heather McLean.

After her introduction, Heather delivered a very thorough, comprehensive, well-planned Executive Director's report, covering many of the year's highlights and accomplishments. This report is available on the website.

Gord Garshowitz, member of the Board and member of the Governance Committee was then introduced, and he proceeded to explain to those present why no more business could be conducted that evening. With new requirements from the government regarding ONCA, the Governance Committee drafted new by-laws. However, old constitutions had not been properly updated, and we had an unknown number of members. Staff did an excellent job finding and vetting all available data bases, and we ended up with approximately 700 members. All of those members were invited to last night's meeting, but we would have needed 351 in attendance to have a quorum and hold any votes. We were significantly short of that number and did not reach quorum. As a result, we could not vote on any issues, including approving our draft by-laws, the proposed slate of directors, the audited financial statements, etc. We will now be working with our legal counsel to get these documents approved through the courts. When approved, they will be posted on our website. There were then a few questions to be answered.

New Year's greetings were then exchanged, and the meeting adjourned.