

Board of Directors, President

Tammy Webster, MA

Tammy is Anishnabe Kwe of the Kitigan Zibi Algonquin First Nation. She is currently employed as an Aboriginal Support Teacher in the Waterloo Catholic District School Board and has been there for 15 years. Tammy supports the education system in deepening its understanding in Indigenous Ways of Knowing and Being as well as implementing the Equity and Inclusive Education Action Plan. Tammy has her Principal Qualifications as well as Master of Arts in Education from York, Bachelor of Education in Elementary Teaching and Education from Western, Bachelor of Arts in Leisure and Recreation Studies from Waterloo, and Bachelor of General Science also from Waterloo.

Tammy somehow finds the time to be on boards and committees where she can present a voice for urban First Nations and ensuring that the voice is present in decisions. She relies on her circle of knowledge keepers and elders for input in areas where they offer more in depth knowledge and understanding. They help her remain grounded in decisions and ensure that the vision for future generations remains positive and healthy and includes an Indigenous lens.

She currently sits as AO's Board President and is also an active member of the Waterloo Region Aboriginal Academic Advisory Committee (WRAAAC), is a founder of Honouring First Nations, Metis and Inuit Graduation Ceremony, and sits on Region of Waterloo Children's Planning Table as well as various working groups.

Through the diverse committees, working groups and with extensive experience as an educator, Tammy strives to ensure that the Board of Directors always stays focused on the strategic direction as well as facilitates board meetings. As leader, it is important that we include all voices around the table for their input and to move forward to lay a positive path for our future.