

Nokha Dakroub

Nokha Dakroub is a community advocate, political commentator, published writer and podcast host with a longstanding commitment to public service and systemic change. She served as the elected Public School Board Trustee for Wards 9 and 10 in Mississauga from 2014 to 2022, where she championed equity, special education, student well-being and infrastructure improvements.

Today, Nokha is a regular media commentator, making frequent appearances on Newstalk 1010 and engaging audiences on issues ranging from politics and public policy to social justice and community affairs. She is also the host of *The Radical Centre* podcast, where she explores political ideas, current affairs and the conversations shaping Canadian society.

With more than 13 years of experience working in health care and community settings as a Registered Social Worker and Psychotherapist, Nokha brings a unique perspective to public debate—combining frontline experience with political insight and a deep understanding of the challenges facing families and communities.

Kathleen Wynne

Kathleen Wynne was Ontario's 25th Premier. She was first elected to the Ontario legislature in 2003 as the MPP for Don Valley West, and she became the leader of the Ontario Liberal Party in January 2013.

Kathleen has dedicated her professional life to building a better province for the people of Ontario. She and her government were guided by the values and principles that knit this province together: fairness, diversity, collaboration and creativity.

Kathleen has served as Ontario's Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, Minister of Transportation, Minister of Education and Minister of Agriculture and Food.

Kathleen served as a Public School Trustee in Toronto. She has led citizens' groups in a number of grassroots community projects, and has played a major role as an organizer and facilitator. This experience has contributed to her results-based approach to life, government and community.

Kathleen has three adult children, Chris, Jessie and Maggie, and six grandchildren, Olivia, Claire, Hugh, Violet, Arthur and George. Before moving to Alliston, Ontario, Kathleen and her partner Jane lived in North Toronto for more than 30 years.

Weidong Pei

Dr. Weidong Pei is a general dentist practitioner, a proud 19 year resident of Willowdale and TDSB dad. He has run a successful dental practice for over 20 years. He graduated with a DDS and PhD from the University of Toronto and holds a Honours BSc from the University of Guelph.

In 2022, he was inspired to run for public office for the first time to push back against the TDSB's admissions lottery for specialized programs. He was elected as TDSB Trustee for Willowdale, defeating an 8-year incumbent trustee and the incumbent board chair on a platform of change.

Over the last four years, he has built a strong track record advocating for safe schools, parent voice and financial transparency at the TDSB. Dr. Pei remains steadfast in his commitment to accountability, common-sense leadership and a renewed focus on academic excellence for Toronto families.

John Lorinc (Panel Moderator)

John Lorinc is a Toronto journalist and editor. He writes about cities, climate and business for various media, including The Globe and Mail, Toronto Star, Corporate Knights and Spacing. John has co-edited several urban-oriented anthologies, including The Ward and Messy Cities (Coach House) and is current working on a book about post-war immigration history in Canada.