



EDMONTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Public Board Meeting Minutes 2024-2025

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Date: May 28, 2025
Time: 3:00 PM
Location: Public Board Room, Lumen Christi Catholic Education Centre
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1. Call to Order

- 1.1 **Board Chair Palazzo** called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.
Father Julian began the meeting with the Opening Prayer.

1.2 LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Trustee Engel acknowledged that we are on the traditional land of Treaty 6 and homeland of the Métis. We also acknowledge the Inuit and other diverse Indigenous peoples whose ancestors have marked this territory for centuries, a place that has welcomed many peoples from around the world to make their home here.

We, at Edmonton Catholic Schools, commit to restoring and honouring the Truth and Reconciliation calls to action; we strongly believe that truth must be acknowledged to move forward to reconciliation. Together we call upon all our collective communities to build a stronger understanding of all peoples who dwell on this land we call home.

1.3 ROLL CALL

Sandra Palazzo, Board Chair
Lisa Turchansky, Vice-Chair
Debbie Engel
Terry Harris
Alene Mutala
Laura Thibert

1.4 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Trustee Mutala moved that the agenda of the May 28, 2025 Public Meeting of the Board be approved as circulated.

1.4.1 Consent Items

The consent items and the recommendations therein were approved by the Board with the approval of the agenda.

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Management Letter

CARRIED

1.5 MINUTES

1.5.1 Minutes of the April 30, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

Trustee Harris moved that the minutes of the April 30, 2025 Regular Public Meeting of the Board be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

1.5.2 Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

1.6 Excellence in Catholic Education Award Recipients

1.6.1 Christopher Ferguson

1.6.2 Daniel Moisan

1.6.3 Tia Myrick

The Board of Trustees recognized and celebrated the three Edmonton Catholic Schools' recipients of the 2025 Excellence in Catholic Education Award.

2. Business of the Meeting

2.1 The Board of Trustees acknowledged receipt of the report **Student Voice 2024-2025** for information purposes.

2.2 The Board of Trustees acknowledged receipt of the **2025-2026 Student Transportation Fee Schedule** for information purposes.

2.3 Trustee Harris moved that the Board of Trustees of the Edmonton Catholic Separate School Division approves the **Division Operating Budget 2025-2026** as presented.

CARRIED

Trustee Harris moved that the Board of Trustees of The Edmonton Catholic Separate School Division:

- a. Approves the use of up to \$1.8 million for building envelope upgrades for Lumen Christi Catholic Education Centre from capital reserves.
- b. Approves the use of up to \$0.4 million for electronics, alarm and access control upgrades for numerous sites from capital reserves.
- c. Approves the use of up to \$0.5 million in deferred capital for accessibility upgrades at several school sites.

CARRIED

Trustee Harris moved that based on the evidence provided in the **Division Operating Budget 2025-2026**, the Board of Trustees determines that the following Quality Indicators have been met as per Board Policy 12 – Appendix B, relative to the current evaluation period:

- QI 4.4 Ensures all collective agreements and contracts are being administered and interpreted so staff and contracted personnel are being paid appropriately and appropriate deductions are being made.
- QI 4.8 Monitors and reviews expenditures to ensure continuous improvement in terms of value for money.
- QI 8.4 Ensures key results identified by the Board are achieved.
- QI 8.5 Ensures the budget and three-year plan are developed according to a timeline which ensures the Board's ability to provide direction and revise priorities, and are approved within Alberta Education deadlines.
- QI 9.1 Ensures Division compliance with all Alberta Education and Board mandates (timelines and quality).
- QI 10.3 Ensures information is disseminated to inform appropriate publics.

CARRIED

2.4 Board Policy Revisions

A. AMENDMENT OF BOARD POLICY 7 – APPENDIX F

Trustee Turchansky moved that the Board of Trustees approve the amendment of Board Policy 7 – Appendix F, as attached and circulated to the Board of Trustees, effective October 21, 2025.

CARRIED

Trustee Turchansky moved that the Board of Trustees approve the amendment of Board Policy 7 – Appendix F, as attached and circulated to the Board of Trustees, effective October 21, 2025.

CARRIED

Trustee Turchansky moved that the Board of Trustees unanimously approves a motion to proceed to third reading of the motion to approve the amendment of Board Policy 7 – Appendix F, as attached and circulated to the Board of Trustees.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Turchansky moved that the Board of Trustees approve the amendment of Board Policy 7 – Appendix F, as attached and circulated to the Board of Trustees, effective October 21, 2025.

CARRIED

B. AMENDMENT OF BOARD POLICY 7 – APPENDIX G

Trustee Turchansky moved that the Board of Trustees approve the amendment of Board Policy 7 – Appendix G, as attached and circulated to the Board of Trustees, effective October 21, 2025.

CARRIED

Trustee Turchansky moved that the Board of Trustees approve the amendment of Board Policy 7 – Appendix G, as attached and circulated to the Board of Trustees, effective October 21, 2025.

CARRIED

Trustee Turchansky moved that the Board of Trustees unanimously approves a motion to proceed to third reading of the motion to approve the amendment of Board Policy 7 – Appendix G, as attached and circulated to the Board of Trustees.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Turchansky moved that the Board of Trustees approve the amendment of Board Policy 7 – Appendix G, as attached and circulated to the Board of Trustees, effective October 21, 2025.

CARRIED

3. Presentation and Review of Accountability Report(s)

3.1 Trustee Thibert moved that based on the evidence provided in the **Supporting Student Attendance in Edmonton Catholic Schools Report**, the Board of Trustees determines that the following Quality Indicators have been met, as per Board Policy 12 - Appendix B, relative to the current evaluation period:

QI 3.4 Complies with legislative requirements to appoint an attendance officer for the Division.

CARRIED

3.2 Trustee Mutala moved that based on the evidence provided in the **Engaging Voice Report**, the Board determines that the following Quality Indicators have been met, as per Board Policy 12 – Appendix B, relative to the current evaluation period:

QI 10.1 Facilitates effective home-school relations.

QI 10.3 Ensures information is disseminated to inform appropriate publics.

QI 10.5 Promotes positive public engagement in the Division.

CARRIED

3.3 Trustee Turchansky moved that based on the evidence provided in the **5 Marks of Catholic School Identity and Faith Formation Plan 2024-2025 Progress Report and Plan for 2025-2026**, the Board of Trustees determines that the following Quality Indicators have been met, as per Board Policy 12 - Appendix B, relative to the current evaluation period:

- QI 1.1 Ensures that all school leaders actively promote education in a Catholic context.
- QI 1.2 Provides staff with a program of activities which reinforces and forms personal faith development and professional growth in effectively teaching religious education programs.
- QI 1.3 Ensures religious celebrations and social justice are organized by schools and departments.
- QI 1.4 Facilitates cooperative religious initiatives involving school, home, and parish.
- QI 8.3 Develops short- and long-range plans to meet the needs of the Division and provide for continuous improvement.

CARRIED

4. Celebration of #ECSDfaithinspires:

4.1 Board Chair Report

The Board of Trustees acknowledged receipt of the Board Chair Report on #ECSDfaithinspires – **April 25, 2025 – May 22, 2025** for information purposes.

4.2 Chief Superintendent Report

The Board of Trustees acknowledged receipt of the Chief Superintendent's Report on #ECSDfaithinspires: May 2025 for information purposes.

5. Adjournment

5.1 Trustee Mutala said the closing prayer.

5.2 Trustee Engel moved the meeting be adjourned at 6:08 PM.

CARRIED