



EDMONTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Public Board Meeting Minutes 2024-2025

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Date: June 18, 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 Glenn began the meeting with the Opening Prayer.

1.2 **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Trustee Harris 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 following items be added to the agenda:

1.7 Election of Father Paul Kavanagh as Archdiocesan Administrator

2.1 2024-2028 Unifor Collective Agreement

The agenda of the June 18, 2025 Public Meeting of the Board be approved as amended.

1.4.1 Consent Items

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

1.4.1.1 Locally Developed Courses

1.4.1.2 Delegation of Authority for Summer Months 2025

1.4.1.3 Emergency Executive Succession Plan 2025-2026

CARRIED

1.5 MINUTES

1.5.1 Minutes of the May 28, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

Trustee Turchansky moved that the minutes of the May 28, 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 APPOINTMENTS/DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATION

The Board of Trustees recognized and celebrated the **ATA Council for School Leadership Distinguished Leadership Award Recipients**; Carmelina Shim, Heather Kaup, Lauren Hawes, Marlene Forest-Wallace, and Nicole Falcone-Dempsey.

1.7 Election of Father Paul Kavanagh as Archdiocesan Administrator

The Board of Trustees recognized and celebrated Father Paul Kavanagh's election as Archdiocesan Administrator for the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton.

2. Business of the Meeting

2.1 2024-2028 Unifor Collective Agreement

Trustee Turchansky moved that the Board of Trustees accepts and ratifies the Memorandum of Agreement reached on June 6, 2025 and as ratified by Unifor Local 52-A.

CARRIED

2.2 ASBA 2025 School Board Innovation & Excellence Award

Trustee Mutala moved that the Board of Trustees supports the nomination of the English Language Learner Educator for the ASBA 2024 School Board Innovation and Excellence Award.

CARRIED

4:26 PM Trustee Engel moved to recess the Public Board Meeting for 10-minutes due to technical difficulties.

CARRIED

4:46 PM The meeting was reconvened.

2.3 ASBA 2025 School Board Community Engagement Award

Trustee Mutala moved that the Board of Trustees supports the nomination of the ***French Immersion Engagement*** for the ASBA 2025 Community Engagement Award.

CARRIED

2.4 School Resource Officer Program Update

Trustee Turchansky moved that based on the evidence provided in the School Resource Officer Program Update, 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 3.1 Develops measurements and monitors progress relative to providing a welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environment.

CARRIED

2.5 Chief Superintendent Evaluation 2024-2025

Trustee Mutala moved that the Board approve the Superintendent evaluation report as developed during the evaluation workshop of June 4, 2025 as an accurate accounting of the Superintendent's performance for the period June 6, 2024 to June 3, 2025, and further that the Board authorize the Chair to make any required technical edits and to sign the report on the Board's behalf.

CARRIED

2.6 Board Self-Evaluation 2024-2025

Trustee Turchansky moved that the Board approve the Board self-evaluation report as developed at the facilitated workshop on May 29, 2025, and that the Board Chair be authorized to monitor the priorities and suggestions agreed to and bring items forward for Board consideration as deemed appropriate.

CARRIED

2.7 Date for September 2025 Public Meeting

Trustee Mutala moved that the Board of Trustees approve a public Board meeting on September 17, 2025 from 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM to be held in the Board Room located at Lumen Christi Catholic Education Centre, 9405 50 Street, unless otherwise determined. The Chair of the Board of Trustees may change the time, cancel, or postpone any regularly scheduled public meeting of the Board upon receiving concurrence from a majority of trustees.

CARRIED

3. Presentation and Review of Accountability Report(s)

3.1 Embracing Diversity

Trustee Engel moved that based on the evidence provided in the **Embracing Diversity Report 2025** and the **Creating Communities of Belonging Strategic Plan (2025-2028)**, 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 that reinforces and forms personal faith development and professional growth in effectively teaching religious education programs.
- QI 3.1 Develops measurements and monitors progress relative to providing a welcoming, caring, respectful, and safe learning environment.
- QI 8.3 Develops short- and long-range plans to meet the needs of the Division and provide for continuous improvement.
- QI 10.5 Promotes positive public engagement in the Division.

CARRIED

3.2 Social Justice in Edmonton Catholic Schools Report 2024-2025

Trustee Mutala moved that based on the evidence provided in the Social Justice Report 2024-2025, 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 1.1 Ensures that all school leaders actively promote education in a Catholic context.
- QI 1.3 Ensures religious celebrations and social justice are organized by schools and departments.

CARRIED

4. Celebration of #ECSDfaithinspires:

4.1 Board Chair Report

The Board of Trustees acknowledged receipt of the Board Chair Report on #ECSDfaithinspires – **May 23 – June 12, 2025** for information purposes.

4.2 Chief Superintendent Report

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

5. Adjournment

5.1 Trustee Thibert said the closing prayer.

5.2 Trustee Engel moved the meeting be adjourned at 6:30 PM.

CARRIED