



EDMONTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Public Board Meeting Minutes 2026-2027

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Date: September 23, 2026
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 Turchansky provided the land acknowledgement, and shared an additional reflection. She 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
Leah Fiorillo
Kara Pelech
Debbie Engel
Alene Mutala
Laura Thibert

1.4 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Trustee Mutala moved that the agenda of the September 23, 2026 Public Meeting of the Board be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

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

CEO Report on Summer Activities 2026

The Board of Trustees acknowledged receipt of the **CEO Report on Summer Activities 2026** for information purposes.

1.5 MINUTES

1.5.1 Minutes of the June 17, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

Trustee Thibert moved that the minutes of the June 17, 2026 Public Meeting of the Board be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

1.5.2 Minutes of the June 17, 2026 Organizational Board Meeting

Approval of the June 17, 2026 meeting minutes was deferred pending clarification of a question raised by a Trustee. The minutes will be brought forward for approval at the October Public Board meeting.

DEFERRED

1.5.3 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Trustee Engel raised a question regarding the June 17, 2026 Organizational Board Meeting minutes. The Board will bring the matter forward for clarification and the June 17, 2026 Organizational Meeting Minutes will be deferred until the October Public Board Meeting.

1.6 Bereavement - Connie Engeline Moellering

The Administration acknowledged the death of Connie Engeline Moellering, Educational Assistant at Ben Calf Robe – St. Clare Catholic Elementary/Junior High School, who passed away on August 21, 2026, and advised that an expression of sympathy had been sent to her family on behalf of the Board.

1.7 Welcoming New Principals and Assistant Principals

The Board of Trustees acknowledged and welcomed our school-based Catholic educational leaders to their new journeys.

1.8 Award Recognition

1.8.1 French Immersion Professional of the Year – Ahmed Seif

The Board of Trustees recognized and celebrated Ahmed Seif for receiving the **French Immersion Professional of the Year** award.

2. Business of the Meeting

2.1 Catholic Education Week Update

Trustee Mutala moved that based on the evidence provided in the **Catholic Education Week Update 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 1.3 Ensures religious celebrations and social justice are organized by schools and departments.
- QI 1.4 Facilitates cooperative religious initiatives involving school, home and parish.

CARRIED

3. Presentation and Review of Accountability Report(s)

3.1 Connecting Families to Edmonton Catholic Schools

Trustee Engel moved that based on the evidence provided in the **Connecting Families to 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 10.1 Ensures supports and services are in place to facilitate effective home-school communications.
- QI 10.3 Ensures information is disseminated to inform appropriate publics.
- QI 10.5 Promotes positive public engagement in the Division.

CARRIED

4. Celebration of #ECSDfaithinspires:

4.1 Board Chair Report

The Board of Trustees acknowledged receipt of the **July to September 2026 Board Chair Report on #ECSDfaithinspires** for information purposes.

4.2 Chief Superintendent Report

The Board of Trustees acknowledged receipt of the **Chief Superintendent's Report on #ECSDfaithinspires: July to September 2026** for information purposes.

5. Adjournment

5.1 Trustee Pelech said the closing prayer.

5.2 Trustee Engel moved the meeting be adjourned at 4:35 PM.

CARRIED