



EDMONTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Public Board Meeting Minutes 2025-2026

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Date: November 26, 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 Turchansky 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 November 26, 2025 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

Locally Developed Courses

The Board approved the renewal of the Senior High Locally Developed or Acquired Course, as implemented in September 2025, for the period indicated.

1.4.1.2

Activation and Deactivation of Alberta Education School Codes

The Board of Trustees approved the activation of Alberta Education school codes for Our Lady of Hope Catholic Elementary/Junior High School (Crystallina Nera East); St. Patrick Catholic Elementary/Junior High School (River's Edge); St. Sophia Catholic Elementary/Junior High School (Cavanagh/Heritage Valley); St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Elementary/Junior High School (Hays Ridge); St. Genevieve Catholic Elementary/Junior High School (West Laurel); and St. Nicholas Catholic Elementary/Junior High School (Rundle Heights).

The Board of Trustees approved the deactivation of Alberta Education school codes: 8223 for St. Nicholas Catholic Junior High School, 3643 115 Ave NW, Edmonton, AB T5W 0V1; and 8016 for St. Bernadette Catholic Elementary School, 11917 40 St NW, Edmonton, AB T5W 2L1 effective September 2027.

1.5 MINUTES

1.5.1 Minutes of the September 17, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

Trustee Thibert moved that the minutes of the September 17, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Board be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

1.5.2 Minutes of the October 29, 2025 Organizational Board Meeting

Trustee Thibert moved that the minutes of the October 29, 2025 Organizational Meeting of the Board be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

1.5.3 Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

1.6 APPOINTMENTS/DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1.6.1 The Canadian Association of Communicators in Education BRAVO! Awards

The Board of Trustees recognized and celebrated Manager of Communications Christine Meadows, Multimedia Production Specialist Patrick Kelly, Division Chaplain Father Glenn McDonald, and our Communications Team, for their tremendous success in bringing the work of our Division to life in the exemplary fashion that has been nationally recognized through the **Canadian Association of Communicators in Education (CACE) BRAVO! Coup de Coeur Award**.

1.6.2 Recognition of Newman Theological College Graduates

The Board of Trustees recognized and celebrated Edmonton Catholic Schools' 2025 NTC Master of Religious Education graduates.

1.6.3 Recognition of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Elementary/Junior High Staff

The Board of Trustees recognized and celebrated Khyla Manguib, Christine McKee, Karlyn Penfold, Eric Motut, and Ainsley Dillon for their quick thinking and heroic efforts in saving the life of a student in medical crisis.

1.6.4 ASBA Innovation and Excellence Award

The Board of Trustees recognized and celebrated Chief Superintendent Lynnette Anderson, as well as Superintendent Terri Peterson and her team, for the acknowledgement of their tremendous work through the ASBA 2025 School Board Innovation and Excellence Award.

1.6.5 ASBA President's Award – Board Chair Sandra Palazzo

The Board of Trustees recognized and celebrated Chair Sandra Palazzo for the recognition of her extraordinary leadership, vision, and contribution to education in our province through the ASBA President's Award.

2. Business of the Meeting

2.1 A Provincial Achievement Test Program Results Report 2024/2025 & Response

Trustee Engel moved that based on the evidence provided in the Provincial Achievement Testing Program Results Report 2024/2025 and the Provincial Achievement Testing Program Response Report 2024/2025, 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 2.1 Conducts an analysis of student success and ensures school principals develop action plans to address concerns.
- QI 2.2 Identifies trends and issues related to student achievement to inform the Three-year Planning process, including recommendations for innovative means to improve measurable student achievement.
- QI 2.3 Ensures there is measurable improved student achievement over time.
- QI 2.4 Ensures the Division's academic and other provincially mandated Assurance results are published.
- QI 5.3 Fosters high standards of instruction and professional improvement (Teaching Quality Standard).
- QI 8.3 Develops short- and long-range plans to meet the needs of the Division and provide for continuous improvement.
- QI 10.3 Ensures information is disseminated to inform appropriate publics.

CARRIED

2.1 B Diploma Examination Program Results Report 2024/2025 & Response

Trustee Thibert moved that based on the evidence provided in the Diploma Examinations Program Results Report 2024/2025 and the Diploma Examinations Program Response Report 2024/2025, 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 2.1 Conducts an analysis of student success and ensures school principals develop action plans to address concerns.
- QI 2.2 Identifies trends and issues related to student achievement to inform the Three-year Planning process, including recommendations for innovative means to improve measurable student achievement.
- QI 2.3 Ensures there is measurable improved student achievement over time.
- QI 2.4 Ensures the Division's academic and other provincially mandated Assurance results are published.
- QI 5.3 Fosters high standards of instruction and professional improvement (Teaching Quality Standard).
- QI 8.3 Develops short- and long-range plans to meet the needs of the Division and provide for continuous improvement.
- QI 10.3 Ensures information is disseminated to inform appropriate publics.

CARRIED

2.2 Audited Financial Statements 2024-2025

Trustee Mutala moved that the Board approves the \$8.6 million transfer from operating reserves to the capital reserves effective August 31, 2025.

CARRIED

Trustee Mutala moved that the Board approves the Audited Financial Statements dated August 31, 2025, for release to the public and to Alberta Education.

CARRIED

Trustee Mutala moved that based on the evidence provided in the Audited Financial Statements and Auditors' 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 4.1 Ensures accepted accounting principles are being followed.
- QI 4.2 Ensures all deficiencies identified in the previous audit report and management letter have been remediated to the satisfaction of the auditor.
- QI 4.3 Ensures adequate internal financial controls exist and are being followed.
- 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 4.5 Ensures school-based funds are monitored to ensure appropriate expenditures, reserves and accounting processes.
- QI 4.6 Ensures the Board is informed annually about incurred liabilities.
- QI 4.8 Monitors and reviews expenditures to ensure continuous improvement in terms of value for money.
- QI 9.1 Division compliance with all Alberta Education and Board mandates.
- QI 10.3 Ensures information is disseminated to inform appropriate publics.

CARRIED

2.3 Rescinding Bylaw 2004-003 Provision of Criminal Record Checks

Trustee Turchansky moved that the Board of Trustees rescind Bylaw 2024-003 Provision of Criminal Record Checks for Trustee Candidates in its entirety, effective upon Board approval of three hearings of this motion.

CARRIED

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CARRIED

Trustee Turchansky moved that the Board of Trustees unanimously approves a motion to proceed to third reading of the rescission of Bylaw 2024-003 Provision of Criminal Record Checks.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Turchansky moved that the Board of Trustees rescind Bylaw 2024-003 Provision of Criminal Record Checks for Trustee Candidates in its entirety, effective upon passing of this motion.

CARRIED

3. Presentation and Review of Accountability Report(s)

3.1 Communications Report

Trustee Engel moved that based on the evidence provided in the Communications 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 10.4 Works cooperatively with the media to represent the Board's views/positions.
- 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 Board Chair Report on #ECSDfaithinspires – **September 11 – November 20, 2025** for information purposes.

4.2 Chief Superintendent Report

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

5.	Adjournment
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5.1 Trustee Palazzo said the closing prayer.

5.2 Trustee Turchansky moved the meeting be adjourned at 5:57 PM.

CARRIED