



EDMONTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Public Board Meeting Minutes 2025-2026

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Date: October 29, 2025
Time: 3:00 PM
Location: Public Board Room, Lumen Christi Catholic Education Centre
9405 50 Street NW | Edmonton AB | T6B 2T4
Phone: 780-441-6004
Web: ecsd.net

1. Call to Order

- 1.1 **Corporate Secretary C. Naccarato** called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.
Lynnette Anderson began the meeting with the Opening Prayer.

1.2 **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Lynnette Anderson acknowledged that we are on the traditional land of Treaty 6 and homeland of the Metis. 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 the 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
Leah Fiorillo
Alene Mutala
Kara Pelech
Laura Thibert

1.4 **Declaration of Scrutineer**

Trustee Mutala moved the appointment of General Counsel to assist in the election process as needed.

CARRIED

1.5 Oaths of Office

Trustee Fiorillo, Trustee Palazzo, Trustee Pelech, Trustee Engel, Trustee Mutala, Trustee Turchansky, and Trustee Thibert took their oath of office.

CARRIED

2. Election of Chair

1st call for nominations for the position of Board Chair.

Trustee Mutala nominated **Trustee Palazzo** for the position of Chair of the Edmonton Catholic Separate School Division for the 2025-2026 year.

Trustee Palazzo accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations after the second and third call.

Trustee Turchansky moved that nominations cease.

CARRIED

Trustee Palazzo was acclaimed as Chair of the Edmonton Catholic Separate School Division for the 2025-2026 year.

3. Election of Vice Chair

Board Chair Palazzo assumed the Chair.

Trustee Engel nominated **Trustee Turchansky** for the position of Vice-Chair of the Edmonton Catholic Separate School Division for the 2025-2026 year.

Trustee Turchansky accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations after the second and third call.

Trustee Engel moved that nominations cease.

CARRIED

Trustee Turchansky was acclaimed as Vice-Chair of the Edmonton Catholic Separate School Division for the 2025-2026 year.

4. Board Committee Structure:

Trustee Turchansky moved that the 2025-2026 Board Committee Structure be approved as follows:

I. Committees of the Whole

Reference: Board Policy 8

Audit & Finance Committee

Chair: Sandra Palazzo

Governance Committee

(Vice- Chair serves in this role)

Chair: Lisa Turchansky

Reference: Board Policy 6:6

II. Board Standing Committee

Reference: Board Policy 8

Community Engagement Committee (2)

Leah Fiorillo

Lisa Turchansky

Sandra Palazzo

III. Board Representatives

Reference: Board Policy 9

Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Board of Directors (1 plus Alternate)

1st year of 1st 24-month term (Max: two 24-month terms ending conclusion of 4th Yr)

Debbie Engel

Alternate: Leah Fiorillo

ASBA Zone 2/3 Representative

Debbie Engel

Alternate: Alene Mutala

Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association

Alene Mutala

Alternate: Laura Thibert

Newman Theological Senate

Kara Pelech

Edmonton Catholic Schools Foundation Board of Directors

Sandra Palazzo

Teachers' Employer Bargaining Association (TEBA)
Representative

Alene Mutala

IV. Other Committees

GrACE Committee

Leah Fiorillo

Kara Pelech

V. Division Committees

Interpretation Committees (Per Agreements)

Alberta Union of Provincial Employees (AUPE)

Lisa Turchansky

Alternate: Kara Pelech

Negotiating Committees – Actively Negotiating

ATA

Lisa Turchansky

Alternate: Kara Pelech

Unifor

Lisa Turchansky

Alternate: Laura Thibert

AUPE

Lisa Turchansky

Alternate: Laura Thibert

VI. Linkages Committees

Council of Elders Representative

Laura Thibert

CARRIED

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| 5 | Dates & Times of Public Board Meetings for 2021-2022 |
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Trustee Thibert moved that the Board of Trustees approves the dates, time and location of the Public Meetings for the 2025-2026 school year as follows:

(a) Dates

November 26, 2025
December 17, 2025
January 28, 2026
February 18, 2026
March 25, 2026
April 29, 2026
May 27, 2026
June 17, 2026

(b) Time

Public Board Meetings will be scheduled to commence at 3:00 PM and will adjourn at 6:00 PM. If required, the meeting may be extended by a majority vote to 6:30 PM. Exceptions to these times may be made, if necessary, and with proper notice to trustees.

(c) Location

Public meetings will be held in the Main 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 by a majority of trustees.

CARRIED

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| 6. | Adjournment |
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6.1 Chief Superintendent Lynnette Anderson said the closing prayer.

6.2 Trustee Fiorillo moved that the meeting be adjourned at 3:38 PM.

CARRIED