



EDMONTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Public Board Meeting Minutes 2025-2026

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Date: September 17, 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 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
Debbie Engel
Terry Harris
Alene Mutala
Laura Thibert

1.4 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Trustee Mutala moved that the agenda of the September 17, 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

CEO Report on Summer Activities 2025

The Board of Trustees acknowledged receipt of the **CEO Report on Summer Activities 2025** for information purposes.

1.4.1.2

Activation of Alberta Education School Code for St. Eligius Catholic Collegiate

That the Board of Trustees approves the activation of Alberta Education school code for St. Eligius Catholic Collegiate.

1.5 MINUTES

1.5.1 Minutes of the June 18, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

Trustee Harris moved that the minutes of the June 18, 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 Bereavement – Mieczyslaw Demko

The Administration acknowledged the death of Mieczyslaw Demko, Senior Custodian at St. Joseph Catholic High School who passed away on July 13, 2025, and advised that an expression of sympathy had been sent to his family on behalf of the Board.

1.7 Welcoming New Principals and Assistant Principals

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

1.8 Tribute to Retiring Trustee Terry Harris

The Board of Trustees acknowledged and celebrated outgoing Trustee Terry Harris on his retirement.

2. Business of the Meeting

2.1 Edmonton Catholic Schools Collegiate Update

The Board of Trustees received the update on the Division's collegiate programs.

2.2 Renaming Carlo Acutis Catholic High School

Trustee Mutala moved that the Board of Trustees rename Blessed Carlo Acutis Catholic High School to St. Carlo Acutis Catholic High School in celebration and honour of his canonization.

CARRIED

2.3 Naming of Schools

Trustee Engel moved that the Board of Trustees approve the following names for our new schools:

- St. Sophia Catholic K-9 School in Cavanagh/Heritage Valley
- Our Lady of Hope Catholic K-9 School in Crystallina Nera East
- St. Michael the Archangel Catholic K-9 School in Hays Ridge
- St. Patrick Catholic K-9 School in River's Edge
- St. Genevieve Catholic K-9 School in West Laurel
- St. Nicholas Catholic K-9 Consolidation School in Rundle Heights

CARRIED

2.4 Board Policy Revisions

A. AMENDMENT OF BOARD POLICY 12

Trustee Turchansky moved that the Board of Trustees approve the amendment of Board Policy 12, as attached and circulated to the Board of Trustees effective upon passing of this motion.

CARRIED

Trustee Turchansky moved that the Board of Trustees approve the amendment of Board Policy 12, as attached and circulated to the Board of Trustees, effective upon passing of this motion.

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 12, as attached and circulated to the Board of Trustees, effective upon passing of this motion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Turchansky moved that the Board of Trustees approve the amendment of Board Policy 12, as attached and circulated to the Board of Trustees, effective upon passing of this motion.

CARRIED

B. AMENDMENT OF BOARD POLICY 12 – APPENDIX B

Trustee Turchansky moved that the Board of Trustees approve the amendment of Board Policy 12 – Appendix B, as attached and circulated to the Board of Trustees, effective upon passing of this motion.

CARRIED

Trustee Turchansky moved that the Board of Trustees approve the amendment of Board Policy 12 – Appendix B, as attached and circulated to the Board of Trustees, effective upon passing of this motion.

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 12 – Appendix B, as attached and circulated to the Board of Trustees, effective upon passing of this motion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Turchansky moved that the Board of Trustees approve the amendment of Board Policy 12 – Appendix B, as attached and circulated to the Board of Trustees, effective upon passing of this motion.

CARRIED

3. Celebration of #ECSDfaithinspires:

3.1 Board Chair Report

The Board of Trustees acknowledged receipt of the Board Chair Report on #ECSDfaithinspires – June 13 – September 11, 2025 for information purposes.

3.2 Chief Superintendent Report

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

4. Adjournment

4.1 Trustee Harris said the closing prayer.

4.2 Trustee Turchansky moved that the meeting be adjourned at 5:02 PM.

CARRIED