



# EDMONTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### Public Board Meeting Minutes 2025-2026

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Date: December 17, 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](https://ecsd.net)

#### 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 Engel** 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 December 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.*

#### 1.5 MINUTES

##### 1.5.1 Minutes of the November 26, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

**Trustee Thibert** moved that the minutes of the November 26, 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

##### 1.6.1 King Charles III Coronation Medal – Elizabeth McKay

The Board of Trustees recognized and celebrated Elizabeth McKay for being awarded the King Charles III Coronation Medal.

##### 1.6.2 Recognition of the Winner for the Best Teacher of the Ukrainian Language Abroad Award

The Board of Trustees recognized and celebrated Liliya Sukhy for being named the winner of The Best Teacher of the Ukrainian Language Abroad (Secondary School Teacher) Award Recipient.

## 2. Business of the Meeting

#### 2.1 School Operations and Supporting Attendance in ECSD

**Trustee Turchansky** moved that based on the evidence provided in the Supporting Attendance and Family-School Conflict Management in ECSD - 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 3.3 Ensures that schools address attendance concerns.

QI 10.2 Ensures supports and services are in place to manage conflict effectively.

CARRIED

## 2.2 Alberta Education and Childcare Fall Assurance Report Overall Summary

**Trustee Thibert** moved that based on the evidence provided in the Alberta Education and Childcare Assurance Measure Results Report - Overall Summary Fall 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 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

## 2.3 Annual Education Results Report (AERR)

**Trustee Engel** moved that the Board of Trustees approves the Annual Education Results Report 2024-2025.

CARRIED

**Trustee Engel** moved that, based on the evidence provided in the Annual Education Results 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 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 9.1 Ensures Division compliance with all Alberta Education and Board mandates.
- QI 10.3 Ensures information is disseminated to inform appropriate publics.

CARRIED

## 2.4 Opting Out of Alberta School Foundation Fund (ASFF)

**Trustee Mutala** moved that the Board of Trustees of the Edmonton Catholic Separate School Division hereby certifies that Division 4 of Part 6 of the Education Act, S.A. 2012, c.E-0.3 does not apply to the Board.

CARRIED

### 3. Presentation and Review of Accountability Report(s)

#### 3.1 Using Screener Data to Drive Responsive Instructional Planning

**Trustee Engel** moved that 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 3.2 Ensures that a continuum of supports and services are available to address the needs of students in their growth and achievement.
- QI 5.3 Fosters high standards of instruction and professional improvement (Teaching Quality Standard).
- QI 5.5 Ensures all staff have access to appropriate professional learning and/or training.

CARRIED

### 4. Celebration of #ECSDfaithinspires:

#### 4.1 Board Chair Report

The Board of Trustees acknowledged receipt of the Board Chair Report on #ECSDfaithinspires – **November 21 – December 19, 2025** for information purposes.

#### 4.2 Chief Superintendent Report

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

### 5. Adjournment

5.1 **Trustee Pelech** said the closing prayer.

5.2 **Trustee Turchansky** moved the meeting be adjourned at 5:32 PM.

CARRIED