

## OUR MISSION

*The Toronto Catholic District School Board is an inclusive learning community uniting home, parish and school and rooted in the love of Christ.  
We educate students to grow in grace and knowledge to lead lives of faith, hope and charity.*

## OUR VISION

*At Toronto Catholic we transform the world  
through witness, faith, innovation and action.*



# MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC SESSION

**HELD WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2020**

## **PRESENT:**

### **Trustees:**

J. Martino, Chair  
A. Kennedy, Vice-Chair  
N. Crawford  
F. D'Amico  
M. de Domenico  
M. Del Grande – Via Zoom  
D. Di Giorgio  
N. Di Pasquale – Via Zoom  
I. Li Preti  
M. Rizzo - Via Zoom  
G. Tanuan

### **Student Trustee:**

K. Baybayon

### **Staff:**

B. Browne  
D. Koenig  
P. Matthews  
  
S. Harris, Recording Secretary  
S. Hinds-Barnett, Assistant Recording Secretary

### **External Guests:**

J. Abrams, Integrity Commissioner, Principles Integrity  
E. Roher, External Legal Counsel, Borden Ladner  
Gervais LLP

**4. Roll Call and Apologies**

Trustee Lubinski was absent.

**6. Approval of the Agenda**

MOVED by Trustee Crawford seconded by Trustee D'Amico, that the Agenda be approved.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees Crawford  
D'Amico  
de Domenico  
Del Grande  
Di Giorgio  
Di Pasquale  
Kennedy  
Li Preti  
Martino  
Rizzo  
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustee Baybayon wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

MOVED by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Trustee Kennedy, that the meeting resolve into DOUBLE PRIVATE Session.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees Crawford  
D'Amico  
de Domenico  
Del Grande  
Di Giorgio  
Di Pasquale  
Kennedy  
Li Preti  
Martino  
Rizzo  
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustee Baybayon wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

**PRESENT (Following DOUBLE PRIVATE Session):**

**Trustees:** J. Martino, Chair  
A. Kennedy, Vice-Chair  
N. Crawford  
F. D'Amico  
M. de Domenico  
M. Del Grande – Via Zoom  
D. Di Giorgio  
N. Di Pasquale – Via Zoom  
I. Li Preti

M. Rizzo - Via Zoom  
**Student Trustee:** K. Baybayon

## 7. **Reports from Private Session**

MOVED by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Trustee D'Amico, that the report from DOUBLE PRIVATE Session regarding legal advice on the Trustee Code of Conduct Appeal process be received.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

### **In Favour**

### **Opposed**

Trustees Crawford  
D'Amico  
de Domenico  
Di Giorgio  
Di Pasquale  
Kennedy  
Li Preti  
Martino  
Rizzo

The Motion was declared

**CARRIED**

Trustee Del Grande did not vote/respond.

Student Trustee Baybayon wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

## **8. Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

## **15. Reports of Officials for the Information of the Board of Trustees**

MOVED by Trustee de Domenico, seconded by Trustee Kennedy, that Item 15a) be adopted as follows:

### **15a) Trustee Code of Conduct Appeal received; and**

1. BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Upon considering the written submissions filed by Trustee Del Grande, including the legal opinion prepared by Dr. Charles Lugosi of Crease Harman LLP, dated December 3, 2020 and the Affidavit of Trustee Del Grande, sworn on December 3, 2020, the determination by the Board of Trustees that Trustee Del Grande's conduct at the November 7, 2019 meeting constituted a breach of the Trustees Code of Conduct is hereby confirmed; and

2. BE IT RESOLVED THAT: In confirming the determination that Trustee Del Grande breached the Trustees Code of Conduct, the sanctions imposed by the Board at its meeting held on November 11 and 12, 2020 are hereby confirmed, which include the following sanctions:

“That, in accordance with section 10(a) of Policy T.04 (Trustee Code of Conduct), and section 218.3 of the Education Act, the Board censure Trustee Del Grande for behaviour which was disrespectful to the LGBTQ community as a whole, as well as the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) community”;

“That the Board request that Trustee Del Grande present a public apology”;

“That the Board refrain from appointing Trustee Del Grande to any representative position or role on behalf of the Board for a period three months”; and

“That Trustee Del Grande immediately undertake and complete an Equity Training program within a month to be recommended by the Board’s Human Rights Equity Advisor”.

Results of the Vote taken on Part 1 of the Resolution, as follows:

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees D’Amico  
de Domenico  
Di Giorgio  
Di Pasquale  
Kennedy  
Li Preti  
Martino  
Rizzo

Crawford

Part 1 of the Resolution was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Del Grande did not vote/respond.

Student Trustee Baybayon wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

Results of the Vote taken on Part 2 of the Resolution, as follows:

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees D’Amico  
de Domenico  
Di Giorgio  
Di Pasquale  
Kennedy  
Li Preti

Crawford

Martino  
Rizzo

Part 2 of the Resolution was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Del Grande did not vote/respond.

Student Trustee Baybayon wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

### **23. Adjournment**

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Kennedy, that the meeting be adjourned.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

#### **In Favour**

#### **Opposed**

Trustees Crawford  
D'Amico  
de Domenico  
Di Giorgio  
Di Pasquale  
Kennedy  
Li Preti  
Martino  
Rizzo

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Del Grande did not vote/respond.

Student Trustee Baybayon wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

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SECRETARY

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CHAIR