

## **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 REGULAR VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE PUBLIC SESSION**

**HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2021**

## **PRESENT:**

### **Trustees:**

M. de Domenico, Chair – In Person  
N. Di Pasquale, Vice-Chair  
I. Li Preti  
N. Crawford - Ex-Officio

### **Non-Voting Trustee:**

A. Kennedy

### **Staff:**

B. Browne  
M. Caccamo  
D. Chen  
P. De Cock  
C. Fernandes  
L. Latham  
P. Matthews  
C. Onyia

S. Harris, Recording Secretary

S. Hinds-Barnett, Assistant Recording Secretary

### **External Guests:**

A. Robertson, Parliamentarian  
J. Abrams, Integrity Commissioner, Principles Integrity

**4. Roll Call and Apologies**

An apology for lateness was extended on behalf of Trustee Lubinski.

Trustee Martino was absent.

**5. Approval of the Agenda**

MOVED by Trustee Di Pasquale, seconded by Trustee Li Preti, that the Agenda be approved.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

**6. Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

**7. Approval and Signing of the Minutes**

MOVED by Trustee Di Pasquale, seconded by Trustee Li Preti, that the Minutes of the Meeting held January 12, 2021 be approved.

The Motion was declared,

CARRIED

## **9. Presentations**

MOVED by Trustee Li Preti, seconded by Trustee Di Pasquale, that Item 9a) be adopted as follows:

- 9a) Jeffrey Abrams, Integrity Commissioner, Principles Integrity regarding Changes to Trustee Code of Conduct (Refer to Item 14a) received.**

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

## **14. Staff Reports**

MOVED by Trustee Di Pasquale, seconded by Trustee Crawford, that Item 14a) be adopted as follows:

- 14a) Revision of the Trustee Code of Conduct Policy (T.04) (Refer Item 9a)** received and that the Governance and Policy Committee further consider the draft Trustee Code of Conduct Policy T.04, and consider such further amendments as proposed by the Integrity Commissioner.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Li Preti, seconded by Trustee Di Pasquale, that the list of potential complainants align with the Education Act.

Trustee de Domenico relinquished the Chair to Trustee Di Pasquale.

Results of the Vote taken on the AMENDMENT, as follows:

**In Favour**

Trustees Di Pasquale  
Li Preti

**Opposed**

Crawford  
de Domenico

The AMENDMENT was declared

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Trustee de Domenico reassumed the Chair.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Trustee Di Pasquale, that the proposed provision of a Regulation on a Trustee fundraising for his or her own legal defence be deferred until further information is available including General Legal Counsel Matthews' reported findings on the legality of such action by a Trustee.

With the consent of the Assembly, Trustee Crawford withdrew the AMENDMENT.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Di Pasquale, seconded by Trustee Crawford:

That Regulation 18 of the draft Code (Implementation), Page 50 or 38 of 40, be revised by adding the following provisions:

The Trustees Code of Conduct applies to a Student Trustee elected to serve on the Board pursuant to Section 55 of the Education Act and the Regulations made thereunder, provided that:

- a) In giving broad, liberal interpretation to any provision of the Trustees Code of Conduct, any necessary changes shall be inferred given the context and role of a Student Trustee;
- b) Regulation 6, Election Campaigns, does not apply to Student Trustees; and
- c) Any complaint regarding whether a Student Trustee has breached the Trustees Code of Conduct shall be administered by the appropriate Board personnel responsible for student discipline and not the Integrity Commissioner; however the Integrity Commissioner may be consulted for guidance on the interpretation and application of the Trustees Code of Conduct.

Results of the Vote taken on the AMENDMENT, as follows:

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees Crawford  
de Domenico  
Di Pasquale  
Li Preti

The AMENDMENT was declared

CARRIED

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Di Pasquale, seconded by Trustee Li Preti, that missing text “*ensure that payment is received by a means that does not involve cash, including bank draft, money order, credit card or cheque made payable to the applicable group or organization*” in Regulation 3.1(f), Page 30 or 18 of 40, be included so that the paragraph reads as follows:

Trustees should not handle any cash on behalf of any charitable organization, not-for-profit or community group, and should always remain at arm's length from the financial aspects of these community and external events. If a Trustee agrees to fundraise on behalf of a charity or community group, the Trustee should *ensure that payment is received by a means that does not involve cash, including bank draft, money order, credit card or cheque made payable to the applicable group or organization.*

Results of the Vote taken on the AMENDMENT, as follows:

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees Crawford  
de Domenico  
Di Pasquale  
Li Preti

The AMENDMENT was declared

CARRIED

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Di Pasquale, seconded by Trustee Li Preti, that the Governance and Policy Committee approve the draft Trustee Code of Conduct Policy T.04 and recommend the policy to Board.

Results of the Vote taken on the AMENDMENT, as follows:

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees Crawford  
de Domenico  
Di Pasquale  
Li Preti

The AMENDMENT was declared

CARRIED

Results of the Vote taken on the Motion, as amended, as follows:

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees Crawford  
de Domenico  
Di Pasquale  
Li Preti

The Motion, as amended, was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Di Pasquale, seconded by Trustee Li Preti, that Item 14b) be adopted as follows:

- 14b) Suspensions and Expulsions Policy (S.S.01) Update** that the Governance and Policy Committee recommend to Board that the revised Suspension and Expulsion Policy SS.01 provided in Report Appendix A and the Operational Procedures (Report Appendix B) be approved.

Trustee de Domenico relinquished the Chair to Trustee Di Pasquale.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees Crawford  
de Domenico

Di Pasquale  
Li Preti

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustee de Domenico reassumed the Chair.

MOVED by Trustee Di Pasquale, seconded by Trustee Crawford, that Item 14c) be adopted as follows:

- 14c) Rescindment of Signing Officers Policy (F.M.02)** that the Governance and Policy Committee recommend to Board that this Policy be rescinded effective immediately.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees Crawford  
de Domenico  
Di Pasquale  
Li Preti

The Motion was declared

CARRIED



MOVED by Trustee Di Pasquale, seconded by Trustee Crawford, that Item 14d) be adopted as follows:

- 14d) Update to Delegation and Public Participation Policy (T.14) Delegation Form 1** that the updated Appendix to the Delegation and Public Participation Policy T.14 at Appendix A of this Report be adopted.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Trustee Li Preti, that a friendly, easy to understand information sheet be provided to each delegate electronically.

Results of the Vote taken on the AMENDMENT, as follows:

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees Crawford  
de Domenico  
Di Pasquale  
Li Preti

The AMENDMENT was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Di Pasquale, seconded by Trustee Crawford, that the Item be referred back to Staff.

Results of the Vote taken on Referral, as follows:

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees Crawford  
de Domenico

Di Pasquale  
Li Preti

The Motion to Refer was declared

CARRIED

**17. Updating of Pending List**

MOVED by Trustee Di Pasquale, seconded by Trustee Li Preti, that Items 17a) and 17b) be adopted as follows:

**17a) Monthly Pending List** received; and

**17b) Annual Policy Priority Schedule** received.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees Crawford  
de Domenico  
Di Pasquale  
Li Preti

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

**18. Adjournment**

MOVED by Trustee Li Preti, seconded by Trustee Di Pasquale, that the meeting be adjourned.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

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SECRETARY

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CHAIR