

## 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 TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2021**

### **PRESENT:**

#### **Trustees:**

J. Martino, Chair  
N. Crawford, Vice- Chair  
F. D'Amico - Virtual  
M. de Domenico - Virtual  
M. Del Grande - Virtual  
D. Di Giorgio  
A. Kennedy - Virtual  
I. Li Preti - Virtual  
T. Lubinski  
M. Rizzo - Virtual  
G. Tanuan

#### **Student Trustees:**

K. Baybayon - Virtual  
S. De Castro - Virtual

#### **Staff:**

B. Browne  
D. Boyce  
A. Della Mora  
S. Camacho  
M. Loberto  
P. Matthews  
R. Putnam

S. Harris, Recording Secretary

S. Hinds-Barnett, Assistant Recording Secretary

**External Guest:** A. Robertson, Parliamentarian

**3. Roll Call and Apologies**

An apology was extended on behalf of Trustee Di Pasquale.

**6. Approval of the Agenda**

MOVED by Trustee Lubinski, seconded by Trustee Di Giorgio, that the Agenda be approved.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

**7. Reports from Private Session**

MOVED by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Trustee Tanuan, that the following report be received:

In PRIVATE Session: The Board of Trustees received a verbal update regarding Toronto Elementary Catholic Teachers (TECT) Bargaining.

Trustees Del Grande had declared an interest in that Item, as referenced below in Item 9 - Declarations of Interest.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

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

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Baybayon and De Castro wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

**9. Declarations of Interest**

In PRIVATE Session Trustee Del Grande declared an Interest in Item 13a) Toronto Elementary Catholic Teachers (TECT) Bargaining Update (Verbal) - Adrian Della Mora, Associate Director of Academic Affairs and Chief Operating Officer as he has a family member who is an employee of the Board. Trustee Del Grande recused himself and did not vote nor participate in discussions regarding that Item.

**16. Reports of Officials for the Information of the Board of Trustees**

MOVED by Trustee Lubinski, seconded by Trustee Di Giorgio, that Item 16a) be adopted as follows:

**16a) Use of Schools as Polling Stations** received.

MOVED IN AMENDMENT by Trustee Lubinski, seconded by Trustee Di Giorgio, that:

WHEREAS: This Special Board meeting was called at the request from six Trustees on Tuesday August 24, 2021 regarding the potential use of our schools for polling stations on Election Day 2021;

WHEREAS: Millions of dollars were spent to reopen the schools and protect our students and Staff;

WHEREAS: Mental health issues are on the rise due to extended on-line schooling and isolations from friends and peers;

WHEREAS: Schools have traditionally been used as polling stations in the past, however, we are in pandemic for the last eighteen (18) months, and this is not a regular school year;

WHEREAS: Elections Canada can put up big outdoor tents on their properties which they have a lot of;

WHEREAS: Commercial buildings, arenas and public municipal buildings can be used for polling stations;

WHEREAS: A request for outdoor graduations on behalf of our school communities was made in June of this year, but that was not allowed; and

WHEREAS: For this Board to now allow unidentified people to our indoor school facilities would carry more risk to our system, especially with the onset and prevalence of lethal variants.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Director write a letter to Elections Canada to notify them that the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) has passed a resolution that it will not permit polling

stations in its schools in the upcoming federal election so that the Board totally eliminates any additional risk of exposure of COVID to our students and Staff.

MOVED in AMENDMENT to the AMENDMENT by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Trustee Del Grande:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Director write a letter to Elections Canada to notify them that the TCDSB has passed a resolution that it will not permit polling stations in its schools in the upcoming federal election so that the Board totally eliminates any additional risk of exposure of COVID to our students and Staff.

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

**In Favour**

Trustees Crawford  
Del Grande  
Kennedy  
Lubinski  
Martino  
Tanuan

**Opposed**

D'Amico  
de Domenico  
Di Giorgio  
Li Preti  
Rizzo

The AMENDMENT to the AMENDMENT was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Baybayon and De Castro wished to be recorded as voted in opposition.

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

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees Crawford  
Del Grande  
Kennedy  
Lubinski  
Martino  
Tanuan

D'Amico  
de Domenico  
Di Giorgio  
Li Preti  
Rizzo

The AMENDMENT, as amended, was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Baybayon and De Castro wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

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

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

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

Rizzo

The Motion, as amended, was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Baybayon and De Castro wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

### 23. **Adjournment**

MOVED by Trustee Del Grande, seconded by Trustee Di Giorgio, that the meeting be adjourned.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

#### **In Favour**

#### **Opposed**

Trustees Crawford  
D'Amico  
de Domenico  
Del Grande  
Di Giorgio  
Kennedy  
Lubinski  
Martino  
Rizzo  
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Li Preti did not vote/respond.

Student Trustees Baybayon and De Castro wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

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SECRETARY

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CHAIR