

**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 MEETING OF THE  
TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
PUBLIC SESSION**

**HELD THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 2023**

**PRESENT:**

**Trustees:**

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

**Student Trustees:**

D. Beshai - Virtual  
J. Goodluck

**Staff:**

B. Browne  
D. Boyce  
A. Della Mora  
R. Putnam  
S. Campbell  
A. Ceddia

L. Coulter  
C. Fernandes  
O. Malik  
M. Meehan  
P. Aguiar  
A. Bria  
M. Caccamo  
R. D’Addario  
G. Danfulani  
L. Di Marco  
K. Dixon  
B. Doan  
M. Farrell  
R. Fernandes  
M. Loberto  
R. Peterson  
R. Walo  
S. Vlahos  
M. Zlomislic

S. Harris, Recording Secretary  
S. Stephenson, Assistant Recording Secretary

**External Guests:**

D. Jones – Founding Director of Youth Association for  
Academics, Athletics and Character Education (YAAACE)  
(For Item 12d)  
A. Robertson, Parliamentarian

**6. Oath of New Student Trustee – Ashionyedue Goodluck**

Executive General Legal Counsel, Antonella Ceddia, administered the Declaration of Office and the Oath of Allegiance to new Student Trustee Ashionyedue Goodluck, and extended welcome on behalf of the Board of Trustees and Staff.

**7. Approval of the Agenda**

MOVED by Trustee Li Preti, seconded by Trustee Lubinski, that the Agenda, as amended to include the Addendum and the reordering of Item 9a) Notice of Motion from Trustee Li Preti regarding The Gardiner Family Summer Resort and the Marian Shrine of Gratitude located at 3100 Weston Road, Toronto, Ontario, to Item 14a) Consideration of Motion, be approved.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees Crawford  
de Domenico  
Del Grande  
Di Giorgio  
Kennedy  
Li Preti  
Lubinski  
Martino  
Morrison  
Rizzo  
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Beshai and Goodluck wished to be recorded in favour.

**8. Reports from Private Session**

MOVED by Trustee Martino, seconded by Trustee Kennedy, that the following report from Trustee Martino be received:

- a) Approved Minutes of previous meetings, as follows:  
Student Achievement Committee Held May 4, 2023, Corporate Services Committee Held June 8, 2023, Regular Board Held June 15, 2023 and Special Board Held July 5, 2023; and
- b) Received a verbal update regarding a Human Resources matter from Derek Boyce, Associate Director of Corporate Services and Chief Commercial Officer.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees Crawford  
de Domenico  
Del Grande  
Di Giorgio  
Kennedy  
Li Preti  
Lubinski  
Martino  
Morrison  
Rizzo  
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Beshai and Goodluck wished to be recorded in favour.

**10. Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

**11. Approval and Signing of Minutes of the Previous Meetings**

MOVED by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Trustee Martino, that Items 11a), 11b), 11c) and 11d) be adopted as follows:

**11a) Student Achievement Committee Held May 4, 2023;** approved.

**11b) Corporate Services Committee Held June 8, 2023;** approved.

**11c) Special Board (Corporate Services) held June 8, 2023** approved; and

**11d) Regular Board held June 15, 2023** approved.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Lubinski left the virtual room at 7:30 pm.

**12. Presentations**

MOVED by Trustee Tanuan, seconded by Trustee Del Grande, that Item 12a) be adopted as follows:

**12a) From the Chair of the Board** received.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

The Chair took the opportunity to express thanks, on behalf of herself and family, for the support and words of encouragement received in light of the recent passing of her husband, Paul Crawford.

MOVED by Trustee Martino, seconded by Trustee Del Grande, that Item 12b) be adopted as follows:

**12b) From the Director of Education** received.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Director Dr. Browne welcomed Richard Walo to the Senior Team as the new Superintendent for Area 1 schools.

Trustee Morrison left the meeting at 7:34 pm.

Trustee Lubinski returned to the virtual room at 7:35 pm.

MOVED by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Trustee Li Preti, that Item 12c) be adopted as follows:

**12c) From the Student Trustee(s)** received.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Lubinski rose on a point of privilege to request prayers for Ukraine, particularly for the children.

MOVED by Trustee Li Preti, seconded by Trustee Del Grande, that Item 12d) be adopted as follows:

- 12d) **Youth Association for Academics, Athletics, and Character Education (YAAACE) - Year in Review - Devon Jones, Founding Director of YAAACE** received.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

**14. Consideration of Motion For Which Previous Notice Has Been Given**

MOVED by Trustee Li Preti, seconded by Trustee Lubinski, that the Toronto Catholic District School Board's (TCDSB) By-law 175, Article 10.7, 30-day notice period be waived, and that Item 9a) Notice of Motion from Trustee Li Preti regarding The Gardiner Family Summer Resort and the Marian Shrine of Gratitude located at 3100 Weston Road, Toronto, Ontario, be considered at today's meeting.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

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

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Beshai and Goodluck wished to be recorded in favour.

**14a) From Trustee Li Preti regarding The Gardiner Family Summer Resort and the Marian Shrine of Gratitude located at 3100 Weston Road, Toronto, Ontario:**

WHEREAS: This motion proposes full protection of the house named “Rivermede” and the Marian Shrine of Gratitude, located at the former swimming pool located at 3100 Weston Road, Toronto, Ontario;

WHEREAS: The First Nations of North America used the trail as part of the trade route that connected Northern and Western Canada with the Gulf of Mexico;

WHEREAS: In 1848, the land was purchased by Matthew Griffith;

WHEREAS: In 1933, the land was purchased by Percy and Gertrude Gardiner;

WHEREAS: In 1950, the property was purchased by Jethro and Audrey Crang. Mr. Crang came from the turn of the 20th century Toronto builders and was related to the Goulding and Boake families, who were pioneer families in Downsview;

WHEREAS: On October 31, 1958, The Order of Ukrainian Catholic Basilian Fathers purchased the property and have been the owners of the property until 2023. The property is beside the former St. Basil The Great High School;

WHEREAS: When the former swimming pool was filled in, one of the priests, Fr. Basil Cymbalisty, created the Marian Shrine of Gratitude together with his community as a thank you for his recovery from an eye accident;

WHEREAS: As Fr. Cymbalisty eloquently wrote, “To all who come here, it imparts a special serenity. The neighbours deem this Shrine to be a sign of



God's blessings for this area. Through the years, it has become a place of hope, gratitude, and serenity for many." This is as true today as it was in 2004;

WHEREAS: The significance of the Shrine is not only for residents of the local community, residents of Toronto, throughout Ontario and across Canada, but also to the countless international visitors who walk through the gates. People of diverse ethnic origins, various nationalities, denominations and cultures come to the Shrine to find peace and to give thanks;

WHEREAS: This Shrine has been maintained by volunteers for about 19 years and used as public property;

WHEREAS: The Marian Shrine of Gratitude is located in Humber River Black Creek and is at risk of being demolished and;

WHEREAS: The Shrine is a place of unparalleled beauty and mysticism.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Director and the Chair of the Board write a letter to all MPPs and City Councillors, the Mayor of Toronto, and the Premier of Ontario asking that the former Gardiner Family Summer Resort (Basilian Fathers House), including the Marian Shrine of Gratitude at 3100 Weston Road, Toronto be designated as a heritage site and protected by the Ontario Heritage Act; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Trustees would delegate to the Heritage Preservation Board at the hearing.

Trustee Del Grande left the meeting at 8:33 pm.

Trustee Di Giorgio left the meeting at 8:37 pm.

Time for business expired.

The Chair put the question, "Is it the will of the meeting to extend debate for 15 minutes?"

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees Crawford  
de Domenico  
Kennedy  
Li Preti  
Lubinski  
Rizzo  
Tanuan

Martino

Time was extended by 15 minutes.

Student Trustees Beshai and Goodluck wished to be recorded in favour.

Trustee D'Amico joined the virtual room at 8:50 pm.

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

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees Crawford  
D'Amico  
de Domenico  
Kennedy  
Li Preti  
Lubinski  
Martino  
Rizzo  
Tanuan

The Main Motion was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustee Goodluck wished to be recorded in favour.

Student Trustee Beshai did not vote/respond.

## 25. **Updating of Pending Lists**

MOVED by Trustee Li Preti, seconded by Trustee Martino, that Items 25a) and 25b) be adopted as follows:

**25a) Master Pending List and Rolling Calendar** received; and

**25b) Annual Report** received.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

### In Favour

### Opposed

Trustees Crawford  
D'Amico  
de Domenico  
Kennedy  
Li Preti  
Lubinski  
Martino  
Rizzo  
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustee Goodluck wished to be recorded in favour.

Student Trustee Beshai did not vote/respond.

**27. Adjournment**

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

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees Crawford  
D'Amico  
Kennedy  
Li Preti  
Lubinski  
Martino  
Rizzo  
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustee de Domenico did not vote/respond.

Student Trustee Goodluck wished to be recorded in favour.

Student Trustee Beshai did not vote/respond.

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SECRETARY

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CHAIR