

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, OCTOBER 24, 2024

PRESENT:

Trustees:

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

Student Trustees:

R. Da Silveira
J. Goodluck

Staff:

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

C. Fernandes
M. Damad
A. Bria
F. Cifelli
G. Danfulani
K. Dixon
M. Farrell
R. Fernandes
M. Loberto
M. Meehan
R. Peterson
S. Vlahos
R. Walo
M. Zlomislic

S. Harris, Recording Secretary

S. Adaikpoh, Assistant Recording Secretary

3. Roll Call and Apologies

An apology was extended on behalf of Trustee Del Grande.

6. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Trustee Rizzo, that the Agenda, as amended to include Items 8b) Notice of Motion from Trustee Di Giorgio regarding Autism Research Request/Support; 21a) From the City-School Boards Advisory Committee regarding Childcare Centres - Trustee Rizzo, (Verbal); Inquiries from: 23a) Trustee Kennedy regarding Decision on a Recent Litigation Matter; and 23b) Trustee Di Giorgio regarding Catholic Education Center (CEC) Parking Lot Renovations, be approved.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

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

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Da Silveira and Goodluck wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

7. Reports from Private Session

There was no PRIVATE Session.

8. Notices of Motion

MOVED by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Trustee Crawford, that Item 8a) be adopted as follows:

- 8a) From Trustee Kennedy regarding Parliamentary Services** that this be discussed at the November 21, 2024 Regular Board Meeting:

WHEREAS: The Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) is the largest publicly funded Catholic Board in the province of Ontario and in Canada;

WHEREAS: The Toronto Catholic District School Board must make decisions in compliance with many pieces of legislation including the Education Act, the Constitution of Canada, the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, the Ontario Human Rights Code, Canon Law of the Roman Catholic Church, and our own By-law 175;

WHEREAS: Governance by Roberts Rules is complex and requires expertise in many instances;

WHEREAS: If the Toronto Catholic District School Board makes a decision inappropriately it could be challenged by a ratepayer, or in court, or by the Ministry of Education;

WHEREAS: We have an obligation to our voters, parents, students and staff to govern without error and in accordance with the highest standards of governance;

WHEREAS: Governing according to the expected standard rules is understood by everyone to be fair and equitable; and

WHEREAS: Conditions arise at Board meetings or at Committee Meetings of the Board when the services of a Parliamentarian would be advantageous to deal with complex or contentious issues;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Staff investigate the times when the interventions of a Parliamentarian have been most helpful in previous meetings of the Board or its Committees, categorize those interventions, and bring a report to December Board proposing an economically feasible way to procure the services of a Parliamentarian for situations categorized as high priority.

MOVED by Trustee Di Giorgio, seconded by Trustee Morrison, that Item 8b) be adopted as follows:

- 8b) From Trustee Di Giorgio regarding Delegation** that this be discussed at the November 21, 2024 Regular Board Meeting:

WHEREAS: In my experience at the Board, delegations have been permitted on Agenda items. More specifically, at the same meeting at which a decision was expected to be made;

WHEREAS: Staff has taken the position that the existing boundary review policy only allows for public input (i.e. delegations or written submissions) at a meeting prior to the meeting where a decision is intended to be made;

WHEREAS: My understanding of the policy is that there is nothing which explicitly states that stakeholders not be permitted to delegate at the meeting at which the item will be considered (i.e. a decision is expected to be made);

WHEREAS: I am not sure what the intent of Board members was when this policy was created but I do not agree with Staff's interpretation of the policy;

WHEREAS: I believe not letting stakeholders delegate at the meeting where a decision is scheduled to be made weakens public input and is counterintuitive; and

WHEREAS: I believe our Delegation Policy permits delegations at any public meeting, assuming relevant submission deadlines are met. Therefore, this does not require a policy revision;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Trustees confirm to Staff that delegations related to an Agenda item, including but not limited to boundary review related items, be permitted at any public meeting assuming the requirements of our Delegation Policy have been met.

9. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

10. Approval and Signing of Minutes of the Previous Meetings

MOVED by Trustee Martino, seconded by Trustee Tanuan, that Items 10a), 10b) and 10c) be adopted as follows:

10a) Special Board (Student Achievement) Held September 5, 2024 approved;

10b) Special Board (Corporate Services) Held September 12, 2024 approved;
and

10c) Regular Board Held September 19, 2024 approved.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

11. Presentations

MOVED by Trustee de Domenico, seconded by Trustee Morrison, that Item 11a) be adopted as follows:

11a) From the Chair of the Board received.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Trustee Rizzo, that Item 11b) be adopted as follows:

11b) From the Director of Education received.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Martino, seconded by Trustee Tanuan, that Item 11c) be adopted as follows:

11c) From the Student Trustee(s) received.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Morrison left the horseshoe at 7:41 pm and returned at 7:42 pm.

Trustee Crawford relinquished the Chair to Trustee Kennedy.

Trustee Martino left the horseshoe at 7:53 pm and returned at 7:55 pm.

MOVED by Trustee Di Giorgio, seconded by Trustee Morrison, that Item 11d) be adopted as follows:

11d) Catholic School Trustees/Boards Celebrating Local Government Week - Nancy Crawford, Chair of the Board and Trustee Ward 12, Markus de Domenico, Vice-Chair of the Board and Trustee Ward 2 received.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Crawford reassumed the Chair.

Consideration of Motions For Which Previous Notice Has Been Given

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Li Preti, that Item 13a) be adopted as follows:

13a) From Trustee Rizzo regarding Permitting of Grounds and Facilities at Loretto Abbey Catholic Secondary School for Special Event:

WHEREAS: Loretto Abbey Catholic Secondary School is a picturesque setting for photos, weddings and events complete with historical architecture, stunning chapel, large common spaces and beautiful grounds;

WHEREAS: Requests for photography, weddings and other events are presently not permitted at Loretto Abbey Catholic Secondary School;

WHEREAS: Loretto Abbey provides a sentimental and historic meaning to families who may wish to book a space for special events;

WHEREAS: Loretto Abbey grounds are often used for engagement and wedding photos and very little if any revenues are generated;

WHEREAS: Many requests are received from the public for the use of the chapel, common areas and grounds by the school and the local trustee for the use of Loretto Abbey for special events including weddings, engagements etc; and

WHEREAS: Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) may be able to generate revenue by permitting photography, weddings and other special events by use of the Loretto Abbey facilities.

1. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Loretto Abbey and its grounds be considered as a venue to be permitted for photography, weddings/engagements and other special events; and
2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: Staff prepare a report on the impacts and revenues that may be generated from permitting the grounds and facilities at Loretto Abbey Catholic Secondary School.

Student Trustee Da Silveira left the horseshoe at 8:10 pm and returned at 8:12 pm.

Trustee Lubinski requested that the votes be seriatim.

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

In Favour

Opposed

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

Lubinski

Part 1 of the Motion was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Da Silveira and Goodluck wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

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

In Favour

Opposed

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

Morrison
Rizzo
Tanuan

Part 2 of the Motion was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Da Silveira and Goodluck wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

MOVED by Trustee Di Giorgio, seconded by Trustee Tanuan, that Item 13b) be adopted as follows:

13b) From Trustee Di Giorgio regarding Autism Research Request/Support:

WHEREAS: There appears to be an increase in the prevalence of autism in our schools; and

WHEREAS: Trustees have limited visibility into relevant data on this topic.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Staff bring a report outlining three years of historical data, system wide capturing:

- Number of students at the elementary and secondary levels and corresponding growth rates;
- Central Human Resources allocated to Autism support (and any corresponding growth or decline in these resources); and
- Insights into the geographical distribution of relevant students with an emphasis on ward demographics including socio economic data.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Di Giorgio
Li Preti
Lubinski
Martino
Morrison
Rizzo
Tanuan

Kennedy

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Da Silveira and Goodluck wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

14. Consent and Review

The Chair reviewed the Order Page and the following Items were held:

- 19b) Education Quality Accountability Office Assessment Results 2023- 2024—
Trustee Rizzo;
- 19c) Employee and Family Assistance Program (EFAP) – Trustee Rizzo;
- 21a) From the City-School Boards Advisory Committee regarding Childcare Centres
- Trustee Rizzo, (Verbal);

Inquires:

- 23a) From Trustee Kennedy regarding Decision on a Recent Litigation Matter; and
- 23b) From Trustee Di Giorgio regarding Catholic Education Center (CEC) Parking Lot Renovations

Trustee Morrison left the horseshoe at 8:44 pm and returned at 8:45 pm.

MOVED by Trustee Martino, seconded by Trustee Kennedy, that the Items not held be received and Staff Recommendations be approved.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

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

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Da Silveira and Goodluck wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

ITEMS NOT HELD AS CAPTURED IN ABOVE MOTION

- 19a) **HM.33 Acceptance of Hospitality or Gifts Policy Metric;**
- 20a) **From the Governance and Policy Committee: Chaplaincy Program Policy** that the proposed Chaplaincy Program Policy provided in Appendix A (tracked) and Appendix B (clean), of the report be approved;
- 20b) **From the Governance and Policy Committee: Student/School Related Concerns Policy** that the proposed Student/School Related Concerns Policy (Appendix A – tracked and Appendix B – clean), Protocol (Appendix C tracked and Appendix D – clean), Protocol (Appendix C – tracked and Appendix D – clean), and Family Resource (Appendix E) of the report be approved.

Listing of Communications

- 22a) **From Honourable Jill Dunlop, Minister of Education, regarding Appointment as Minister of Education;**
- 22b) **From the By-laws Review Ad hoc Committee: Approved Minutes of Meeting Held May 15, 2024;**
- 22c) **From the Governance and Policy Committee: Approved Minutes of Meeting Held September 3, 2024;**
- 22d) **From the Special Education Advisory Committee: Approved Minutes of Meeting Held September 11, 2024;**
- 24a) **Master Pending List and Rolling Calendar; and**
- 24b) **Annual Report**

19. Reports of Officials for the Information of the Board of Trustees

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee de Domenico, that Item 19b) be adopted as follows:

- 19b) **Education Quality Accountability Office Assessment Results 2023- 2024** received.

Trustee Tanuan left the horseshoe at 8:53 pm and returned at 9:04 pm.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

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

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Da Silveira and Goodluck wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

The Chair declared a 10-minute recess.

The meeting resumed with Trustee Crawford in the Chair.

PRESENT: (Following Recess)

Trustees: N. Crawford – Chair
M. de Domenico – Vice Chair
F. D’Amico
D. Di Giorgio
A. Kennedy
I. Li Preti
T. Lubinski –In Person and Virtual
J. Martino
K. Morrison
M. Rizzo
G. Tanuan

Student Trustees: R. Da Silveira
J. Goodluck

19. Reports of Officials for the Information of the Board of Trustees

MOVED by Trustee D’Amico, seconded by Trustee Di Giorgio, that Item 19c) be adopted as follows:

19c) Employee and Family Assistance Program (EFAP) received.

Student Trustee Da Silveira left the horseshoe at 9:30 pm and returned at 9:31 pm.

Trustee Rizzo returned to the horseshoe at 9:30 pm.

Trustee Morrison returned to the horseshoe at 9:37 pm.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

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

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Da Silveira and Goodluck wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

21. Reports from External Committees/Organizations

MOVED by Trustee Morrison, seconded by Trustee Rizzo, that Item 21a) be adopted as follows:

- 21a) From the City-School Boards Advisory Committee regarding Childcare Centres - Trustee Rizzo, (Verbal)** received and referred to the Political Action Ad Hoc Committee for consideration of further advocacy regarding Childcare Centres.

Trustee Li Preti left the horseshoe at 10:22 and returned at 10:22 pm.

Trustees Li Preti and Lubinski left the meeting at 10:24 pm.

With the consent of the Assembly, Trustee Morrison withdrew the Motion.

MOVED by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Trustee Morrison, that Staff prepare a communication to Minister Dunlop regarding TCDSB child care projects/gymnasiums that were cancelled and request a meeting to discuss the urgent need to reconsider this matter given the impact on families in the City of Toronto.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Di Giorgio
Kennedy
Martino
Morrison
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Da Silveira and Goodluck wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

23. Inquiries and Miscellaneous

- 23a) From Trustee Kennedy regarding Decision on a Recent Litigation Matter** it was unanimously agreed for the meeting to resolve into PRIVATE Session to discuss this matter after Item 23b) below.

MOVED by Trustee Di Giorgio, seconded by Trustee Kennedy, that Item 23b) be adopted as follows:

23b) Inquiry from Trustee Di Giorgio regarding Catholic Education Center (CEC) Parking Lot Renovations received.

Student Trustee Goodluck left the meeting at 10:35 pm.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Di Giorgio
Kennedy
Martino
Morrison
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustee Da Silveira wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

Trustee Lubinski joined the virtual room at 10:33 pm.

Trustee Martino left the meeting at 10:37 pm.

Resolve into PRIVATE Session

MOVED by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Trustee de Domenico, that the meeting resolve into PRIVATE Session.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Di Giorgio
Kennedy
Lubinski
Morrison
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustee Da Silveira wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

PRESENT: (Following PRIVATE Session)

Trustees: N. Crawford – Chair
M. de Domenico – Vice Chair
F. D'Amico
D. Di Giorgio
A. Kennedy
K. Morrison

M. Rizzo
G. Tanuan

7. Reports from Private Session

MOVED by Trustee de Domenico, seconded by Trustee Tanuan, that the following report from Trustee de Domenico be received:

In PRIVATE Session:

- a) Discussed a legal matter.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Di Giorgio
Kennedy
Morrison
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

26. Adjournment

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

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Di Giorgio
Kennedy
Morrison
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

SECRETARY

CHAIR