

**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, DECEMBER 12, 2024**

**PRESENT:**

**Trustees:**

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

**Student Trustees:**

R. Da Silveira - Virtual  
J. Goodluck

**Staff:**

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

A. Ceddia  
L. Coulter  
C. Fernandes  
M. Damad  
P. Aguiar  
A. Bria  
F. Cifelli  
G. Danfulani  
L. Di Marco  
K. Dixon  
M. Farrell  
M. Loberto  
M. Meehan  
R. Peterson  
S. Vlahos  
R. Walo  
M. Zlomislic

S. Harris, Recording Secretary

S. Hinds-Barnett, Assistant Recording Secretary

**1. Call to Order**

The Chair, on behalf of the Board, extended congratulations to the recent appointment of His Eminence Archbishop Frank Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto, to the College of Cardinals in the Vatican City, at the Consistory presided over by His Holiness Pope Francis.

Trustee Lubinski left the virtual room and joined the horseshoe at 7:11 pm.

**6. Approval of the Agenda**

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Martino, that the Agenda, as amended to include the Addendum, Member Statements: Items 11b) From Trustee Rizzo regarding St. Jerome Catholic School Intermediate Boys Volleyball Team named 2024 Intermediate Volleyball Champions; and 11c)

From Trustee Del Grande regarding His Response to the Chair's Member Statement Concerning Board Censure; and the reordering of Item 12c) Presentation From the Student Trustee(s) after all other Items of Business have been completed.

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  
Morrison  
Rizzo  
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

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

**7. Reports from Private Session**

There was no PRIVATE Session.

**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), 10c) and 10d) be adopted as follows:

- 10a) Special Board (Student Achievement) Held November 7, 2024** approved;
- 10b) Special Board (Corporate Services) Held November 14, 2024** approved;
- 10c) Caucus Held November 18, 2024** approved; and
- 10d) Regular Board Held November 21, 2024** approved.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Lubinski, seconded by Trustee Crawford, that the Agenda be reopened.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

**In Favour**

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

**Opposed**

Kennedy  
Rizzo

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

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

MOVED by Trustee Lubinski, seconded by Trustee Crawford, that the Agenda, as amended to include Item 11d) Member Statement from Trustee Lubinski regarding her Attendance at the recent Consistory Elevating Archbishop Frank Leo to Cardinal, be approved.

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  
Morrison  
Tanuan

Rizzo

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

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

**11. Member Statements**

- 11a) Board Censure of Trustee Del Grande - Trustee de Domenico, Chair;**
- 11b) From Trustee Rizzo regarding St. Jerome Catholic School Intermediate Boys Volleyball Team named 2024 Intermediate Volleyball Champions;**
- 11c) From Trustee Del Grande regarding His Response to the Chair's Member Statement Concerning Board Censure; and**
- 11d) From Trustee Lubinski regarding her Attendance at the recent Consistory Elevating Archbishop Frank Leo to Cardinal.**

**12. Presentations**

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Crawford, that Item 12a) be adopted as follows:

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

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Morrison, seconded by Trustee Kennedy, that Item 12b) be adopted as follows:

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

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Morrison, seconded by Trustee Crawford, that Item 12d) be adopted as follows:

- 12d) **From Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) Year-End Report 2023-2024 and Membership Overview and Benefits - Joe Perri and Annalisa Crudo-Perri Co-Executive Directors, OAPCE received.**

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

### 13. Delegations

MOVED by Trustee Morrison, seconded by Trustee Crawford, that Item 13a) be adopted as follows:

- 13a) **From Robert Mignella regarding Trustee Del Grande's St. Michael Prayer Proposal received.**

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  
              Morrison  
              Rizzo  
              Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

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

- 13b) From Renato Fallico regarding Trustee Del Grande's Motion to Permit Prayer to St. Michael before all Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) Meetings absent.**

MOVED by Trustee Del Grande, seconded by Trustee Morrison, that Item 13c) be adopted as follows:

- 13c) From Katherine Mader regarding Mandatory Recitation of Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel received.**

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  
Morrison  
Rizzo  
Tanuan



The Motion was declared

CARRIED

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

Trustee D'Amico left the virtual room and joined the horseshoe at 7:57 pm.

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

MOVED by Trustee Del Grande, seconded by Trustee Tanuan, that Item 14a) be adopted as follows:

**14a) From Trustee Del Grande regarding Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel that:**

WHEREAS: Archangel Michael is God's top angel, leading all the angels in heaven. He is also known as St. Michael. Michael means "Who is like God?" St. Michael's main characteristics are exceptional strength and courage. Michael fights for good to prevail over evil and empowers believers to set their faith in God on fire with passion. He protects and defends people who love God. The faithful often implore St. Michael's help to gain the courage they need to overcome their fears, obtain strength to resist temptations to sin and instead do what is right and stay safe in dangerous situations. St. Michael holds the distinction of being featured more often than any other named angel in major religious texts. The Torah, Bible, and Qur'an all mention Michael. The Bible describes Michael in Revelation 12:7-12 leading armies of angels that battle Satan and his demons during the world's last conflict. The Bible says Michael and angelic troops finally emerge victorious, which also mentions in 1 Thessalonians 4:16 that Michael will accompany Jesus Christ when he returns to Earth;

WHEREAS: St. Michael The Archangel is the Patron Saint of the Archdiocese of Toronto;

WHEREAS: The Archdiocese of Toronto led by Archbishop Emeritus Cardinal Thomas Collins and Archbishop Cardinal-Designate Francis Leo have

encouraged all parishes to recite the St. Michael Prayer in Sunday Masses across the Archdiocese; and

WHEREAS: The Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) has not formally approved of the Prayer to St. Michael The Archangel at its meetings.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Prayer to St. Michael The Archangel will be recited in public at least once a month at any Board Committee and/or Board Meeting.

Student Trustee Goodluck joined the horseshoe at 8:01 pm and left at 8:03 pm.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Tanuan, seconded by Trustee Del Grande, that the St. Michael Archangel prayer be recited at each school, each Friday or the last day of the school week.

Student Trustee Goodluck returned to the horseshoe at 8:06 pm.

Trustee Li Preti left the horseshoe at 8:20 pm and returned at 8:24 pm.

MOVED in AMENDMENT to the AMENDMENT by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Trustee Morrison, that “recited” before “at each school” be struck out and replaced with “invited to recite”.

Results of the Vote taken on the AMENDMENT to the AMENDMENT

**In Favour**

Trustees Crawford  
de Domenico  
Del Grande  
Morrison  
Tanuan

**Opposed**

D’Amico  
Di Giorgio  
Kennedy  
Li Preti  
Lubinski  
Martino  
Rizzo

The AMENDMENT to the AMENDMENT was declared

FAILED

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

Time expired.

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

Results of the Vote taken on Extension of Time, as follows:

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees Crawford  
D’Amico  
de Domenico  
Del Grande  
Lubinski  
Morrison  
Rizzo  
Tanuan

Di Giorgio  
Li Preti  
Kennedy  
Martino

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

The debate was extended by 15 minutes, as per Article 11.6.3.1 of the TCDSB’s By-law.

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

**In Favour**

Trustees Crawford  
Del Grande  
Lubinski  
Tanuan

**Opposed**

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

The AMENDMENT was declared

FAILED

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

Time expired.

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

Results of the Vote taken on Extension of Time, as follows:

**In Favour**

Trustees Crawford  
Morrison  
Rizzo  
Tanuan

**Opposed**

D'Amico  
de Domenico  
Del Grande  
Di Giorgio  
Kennedy  
Li Preti

Lubinski  
Martino

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

The debate was not extended for a further 15 minutes.

MOVED by Trustee Del Grande, seconded by Trustee Li Preti, that the Question be Called.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

**In Favour**

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

**Opposed**

Rizzo

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Di Giorgio did not vote/respond.

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

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

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees Crawford  
de Domenico  
Del Grande  
Li Preti  
Lubinski  
Martino  
Morrison  
Tanuan

D'Amico  
Kennedy  
Rizzo

The Main Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Di Giorgio did not vote/respond.

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

Trustee Lubinski left the horseshoe at 9:01 pm.

**14. Consent and Review**

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

- 17a) Consideration of Motion from Trustee Di Giorgio regarding Delegation – Trustee Di Giorgio; and
- 18a) Director's Annual Report 2023-2024– Trustee Crawford

Trustee Del Grande left the meeting at 9:03 pm.

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Martino, that the Items not held be received.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

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

Listing of Communications

- 23a) From the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee: Approved Minutes of Meeting Held November 11, 2024; and
- 23b) From the Special Education Advisory Committee: Approved Minutes of Meeting Held November 13, 2024;

- 25a) Master Pending List and Rolling Calendar; and
- 25b) Annual Report

The Chair declared a 15-minute recess.

The meeting resumed with Trustee de Domenico in the Chair and no change to the Roll Call, except for Trustee Lubinski joining virtually.

Trustee Kennedy joined the horseshoe at 9:28 pm.

## **17. Matters Referred/Deferred from Committees/Board**

From the November 21, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

MOVED by Trustee Di Giorgio, seconded by Trustee Morrison, that Item 17a) be adopted as follows:

### **17a) From Trustee Di Giorgio regarding Delegation that:**

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.

MOVED by Trustee Martino, seconded by Trustee Di Giorgio, that the Item be referred to the Governance and Policy Committee for consideration.

Results of the Vote taken on Referral, as follows:

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

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

Crawford  
Li Preti

The Referral Motion was declared

CARRIED

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

Trustee Di Giorgio left the meeting at 9:44 pm.

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

MOVED by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Trustee Martino, that Item 18a) be adopted as follows:

**18a) Director's Annual Report 2023-2024 received.**

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees Crawford  
D'Amico  
de Domenico  
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.

Trustee Lubinski left the virtual room and returned to the horseshoe at 9:47 pm.

## 12. Presentations

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Tanuan, that Item 12c) be adopted as follows:

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

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

### In Favour

### Opposed

Trustees Crawford  
D'Amico  
de Domenico  
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.

## 27. Adjournment

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

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees Crawford  
D'Amico  
de Domenico  
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.

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SECRETARY

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CHAIR