

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, APRIL 24, 2025

PRESENT:

Trustees:

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

Student Trustees:

R. Da Silveira
J. Goodluck

Staff:

B. Browne
D. Boyce
R. Putnam
S. Campbell
A. Ceddia
L. Coulter
C. Fernandes
M. Damad
N. McInerney

S. Vlahos
A. Bria
M. Caccamo
F. Cifelli
R. D'Addario
G. Danfulani
K. Dixon
M. Farrell
R. Fernandes
M. Loberto
N. McInerney
R. Peterson
R. Walo
M. Zlomislic

Fr. M. Lehman

S. Harris, Recording Secretary
S. Adaikpoh, Assistant Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order

The meeting commenced with Fr. Lehman's reflections on the legacy of the late Pope Francis and opening prayers.

Trustee Tanuan also shared his experience with Pope Francis in 2017 when he attended the Golden Jubilee of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Movement.

6. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED by Trustee Morrison, seconded by Trustee Rizzo, that the Agenda, as amended to include the Addendum and Item 24a) Inquiry from Trustee Rizzo regarding Permit Fees Charged by Toronto District School Board, 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
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

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

In PRIVATE Session:

1. Approved Minutes of Meeting held March 27, 2025;
2. Discussed a budget related matter; and
3. Discussed the Ministry's update regarding the budget deficit and investigation and supervision of some Boards.

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

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9. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

10. Approval and Signing of Minutes of the Previous Meeting

MOVED by Trustee Del Grande, seconded by Trustee Di Giorgio, that Items 10a) and 10c) be adopted as follows:

10a) Special Board (Student Achievement) Held March 20, 2025, approved;
and

10c) Regular Board Held March 27, 2025, approved.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

12. Presentations

MOVED by Trustee Martino, seconded by Trustee Morrison, that Item 12a) be adopted as follows:

12a) From the Chair of the Board received.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustees Del Grande and Morrison left the horseshoe at 7:34 pm and 7:36 pm respectively.

Trustees Del Grande and Morrison returned to the horseshoe at 7:37 pm and 7:38 pm respectively.

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

12b) From the Director of Education received.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

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

12c) From the Student Trustees received.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

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

MOVED by Trustee Morrison, seconded by Trustee Rizzo, that Item 14a) be adopted as follows:

14a) From Trustee Morrison regarding Setting up a Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) Blue Sky Account as an Alternate Social Media Platform to X (Formerly Known as Twitter):

WHEREAS: The Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) has 52.6 thousand followers on X (formerly known as Twitter), and it plays an important role in sharing good news stories and communicating with the TCDSB community;

WHEREAS: The majority shareholder of X is a member of a foreign government that benefits financially from its users and has:

- Initiated a trade war that has seriously damaged the Canadian economy and eliminated tens of thousands of jobs.
- Is disrespectful to Canadian sovereignty; and

WHEREAS: Users who are concerned with X and seeking an alternative are considering migrating to other platforms like BlueSky.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: TCDSB set up a BlueSky account and invite its followers on X, Instagram and Facebook to follow their BlueSky account.

Trustee Di Giorgio left the meeting at 8:01 pm.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Kennedy that Staff bring back a report on TCDSB setting up a BlueSky account as an Alternate Social Media Platform to X (formerly known as Twitter).

There was no seconder.

Trustee Kennedy withdrew the AMENDMENT.

Trustee Li Preti left the horseshoe at 8:09 pm.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

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

Martino

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

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

Trustee Li Preti returned to the horseshoe at 8:15 pm.

15. Consent and Review

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

19a) From the April 10, 2025 Corporate Services, Strategic Planning and Property Committee Meeting

Ontario Catholic Schools Trustees' Association (OCSTA) Resolutions (Refer Item 20a): That this item be referred to the April 24, 2025 Regular Board Meeting – Trustee Rizzo;

20a) Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) – 2025 Annual General Meeting Resolutions (Refer Item 19a) – Trustee Rizzo;

21d) Selection Committee for Acting Superintendent of Education Position – Trustee Crawford;

22a) From the City-School Board Advisory Committee regarding Invitation to Participate in Consultations – Trustee Crawford; and

24a) Inquiry from Trustee Rizzo regarding Permit Fees Charged by Toronto District School Board.

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Crawford, that the Items not held be received and Staff Recommendation be approved.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico

Del Grande
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

- 20b) 2023-2024 External Research Annual Report;**
- 20c) Toronto Catholic District School Board Student Achievement Plan 2024-2025 Report Back and Draft Student Achievement Plan 2025-2026 for Consultation;**
- 20d) Response to Student Trustee Recognition Motion;**
- 21a) From the Governance and Policy Committee: Physical Activities Within the Physical Education Programs Policy** that the Governance and Policy Committee recommends to Board that the proposed the Physical Activities within the Physical Education Programs Policy provided in Appendix A (tracked) and Appendix B (clean), be approved;
- 21b) From the Governance and Policy Committee: Cursive Writing Policy** that GAP recommends to Board that the proposed Cursive Writing Policy provided in Appendix A (tracked) and Appendix B (clean), be approved;

- 21c) Revision To By-Law Regarding Trustee Debate - Recommendation Report** that the Director of Education and Secretary of the Board recommends that Trustees approve, with a 2/3rds majority as per Article 17 of the By-Laws, the following:

That sub article 11.4 “Staff Reports – Introduction, Questions, and Debate” (excerpted earlier in this report) be deleted from Board Operating By-Law 175, and that the By-Law articles and Table of Contents be renumbered to reflect this change;

Listing of Communications

- 23a) From the Political Action Ad hoc Committee: Approved Minutes of Meeting Held January 7, 2025;**
- 23b) From the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee: Approved Minutes of Meeting Held February 24, 2025;**
- 23c) From the Governance and Policy Committee: Approved Minutes of Meeting Held March 4, 2025;**
- 23d) From the Special Education Advisory Committee: Approved Minutes of Meeting Held March 5, 2025;**
- 25a) Master Pending List and Rolling Calendar; and**
- 25b) Annual Report**

19. Matters Referred/Deferred from Committees/Board

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee D’Amico, that Items 19a) and 20a) be adopted as follows:

- 19a) From the April 10, 2025 Corporate Services, Strategic Planning and Property Committee Meeting**

Ontario Catholic Schools Trustees' Association (OCSTA) Resolutions (Refer Item 20a): That this item be referred to the April 24, 2025 Regular Board Meeting received:

- 19a1) Resolution 1-25 - Technology Funding;
- 19a2) Resolution 2-25 - Student Transportation Funding;
- 19a3) Resolution 3-25 - Student Transportation;
- 19a4) Resolution 4-25 - Increase Funding to the Temporary Accommodation Allocation;
- 19a5) Resolution 5-25 - Temporary Accommodation Funding;
- 19a6) Resolution 7-25 - Trustee Honoraria;
- 19a7) Resolution 10-25 - Municipal Voting;
- 19a8) Resolution 11-25 - Removing Barriers to School Closures or Merging of Underutilized Facilities;
- 19a9) Resolution 12-25 - Review Moratorium on School Closures;
- 19a10) Resolution 15-25 - Funding for K-12 STEM Education;
- 19a11) Resolution 17-25 - Catholic Artificial Intelligence Framework;
- 19a12) Resolution 21-25 - Operating Funding Supplied to Boards through the Core Education Funding Allocation;
- 19a13) Resolution 22-25 - Ministry to Fully Fund Previously Approved Childcare Centres;
- 19a14) Resolution 23-25 - Funding for Air Conditioning;
- 19a15) Resolution 24-25 - Shortfall of Provincial Funding of Statutory Benefits and Employee Deductions;
- 19a16) Resolution 27-25 - Cost of Sick Leave;
- 19a17) Resolution 34-25 - Streamlining the Process for Building Permit Approval;
- 19a18) Resolution 35-25 - Capital Projects Category for Gymnasiums;

19a19) Resolution 37-25 - Cyber Security Funding ;

19a20) Resolution 42-25 - Funding to Lower Class Sizes in Grades 4 through 8;

19a21) Resolution 43-25 - Comprehensive Review of Sick Leave; and

19a22) Resolution 44-25 - Funding to Support Additional Supervision

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

20a) Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) – 2025 Annual General Meeting Resolutions (Refer Item 19a) received.

Trustee Morrison left the horseshoe at 8:31 pm.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

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

Del Grande

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

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

Student Trustee Da Silveira left the horseshoe at 8:35 pm.

Trustee Morrison and Student Trustee Da Silveira returned to the horseshoe at 8:36 pm and 8:37 pm respectively.

21. Reports of Officials Requiring Action of the Board of Trustees

21d) Selection Committee for Acting Superintendent of Education Position

The Chair called for nominations to serve on the Selection Committee for the hiring of an Acting Superintendent of Education.

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Morrison, that the name of Trustee Li Preti be placed in nomination.

Trustee Li Preti accepted.

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Crawford, that the name of Trustee Tanuan be placed in nomination.

Trustee Tanuan accepted.

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Kennedy, that the name of Trustee Martino be placed in nomination.

Trustee Martino accepted.

There were no further nominations.

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Crawford, that three Trustees be nominated to serve on the Selection Committee for the hiring of an Acting Superintendent of Education.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Trustees Crawford
 D'Amico
 Del Grande
 Li Preti
 Lubinski
 Martino
 Morrison
 Rizzo
 Tanuan

Opposed

de Domenico
Kennedy

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

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

Trustees Li Preti, Martino and Tanuan will serve on the Selection Committee for the hiring of an Acting Superintendent of Education.

22. Reports from External Committees / Organizations

MOVED by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Trustee Tanuan, that Item 22a) be adopted as follows:

- 22a) From the City-School Board Advisory Committee regarding Invitation to Participate in Consultations** that the Board reach out to the City Manager's office and that this be posted on the TCDSB's website.

The Chair ruled the Motion out of order.

MOVED by Trustee Del Grande, seconded by Trustee Tanuan, that the Item be received and referred to Staff.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Trustee Rizzo, that the Item be received and referred to Staff for a report on the Board's position.

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

In Favour

Opposed

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

The AMENDMENT was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Da Silveira and Goodluck 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
Kennedy
Li Preti
Lubinski
Martino
Morrison
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion, as amended, was declared

CARRIED

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

Trustee Martino left the meeting at 9:11 pm.

Trustee Morrison left the meeting at 9:12 pm and returned at 9:14 pm.

24. **Inquiries**

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Morrison, that Item 24a) be adopted as follows:

- 24a) **From Trustee Rizzo regarding Permit Fees Charged by Toronto District School Board** received.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico

Del Grande
Kennedy
Li Preti
Lubinski
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 Crawford, seconded by Trustee Kennedy, that the meeting be adjourned.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

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

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

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

SECRETARY

CHAIR