

**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, MAY 22, 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 Trustee:**

J. Goodluck

**Staff:**

B. Browne  
A. Della Morra  
D. Boyce  
R. Putnam  
S. Campbell  
A. Ceddia  
L. Coulter  
C. Fernandes  
N. McInerney  
A. Bria

M. Caccamo  
R. D’Addario  
G. Danfulani  
K. Dixon  
M. Farrell  
R. Fernandes  
K. Hodgkinson  
M. Loberto  
M. Meehan  
R. Peterson  
R. Walo  
M. Zlomislic

Fr. M. Lehman

S. Harris, Recording Secretary  
S. Hinds-Barnett, Assistant Recording Secretary

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting commenced with the Chair’s remarks on the recent heartbreaking tragedy that claimed the lives of three siblings who were also students of the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB).

**2. Memorials and Opening Prayer**

Father Mike led the Opening Prayer for the family and loved ones of the three TCDSB students who lost their lives in the recent motor vehicle accident.

**5. Roll Call and Apologies**

An apology was conveyed on behalf of Student Trustee Da Silveira.

## 6. **Approval of the Agenda**

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Kennedy, that the Agenda, as amended to include the Addendum and Member Statements: Items 11a) From Trustee Del Grande regarding TCDSB's Decision to Exclude March for Life Week held March 5-9, 2025 from its Activities Calendar; and 11b) From Trustee Lubinski, on behalf of Mrs. Sheree Clarke, Parent of a Grade 8 Student, regarding Recognition of Several TCDSB Staff Members at the Holy Trinity Catholic Elementary School for their Remarkable Contributions, Exceptional Dedication and Unwavering Support for her daughter and all Students at the School, 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 Trustee Goodluck wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

## 7. Reports from Private Session

There were none from PRIVATE Session at this time as there was a Motion to resolve back.

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

In DOUBLE PRIVATE Session:

- a) Approved recommendation from the Director Performance Appraisal Committee that Director of Education, Dr. Brendan Browne, be awarded the rating of Meets All Expectations for his performance throughout the 2024 to 2025 full evaluation cycle; and
- b) Received Minutes of Meetings from the Director Performance Appraisal Committee held November 14, 2024, January 9, 2025, February 20, 2025 and March 4, 2025.

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 Goodluck wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

## **9. Declarations of Interest**

In PRIVATE Session, Trustee Kennedy declared a Conflict of Interest in the following Items as she has family members who are employees of the Board. Trustee Del Grande declared a Conflict of Interest in the following Item due to a personal involvement:

- 9a) 2025 - 2026 Updated Budget Framework - R. Putnam, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer – Trustee Kennedy;
- 15a) Ministry Investigation Update (Verbal) - Dr. B. Browne, Director of Education and R. Putnam, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer (Refer Item 18a) – Trustee Kennedy; and
- 15c) Request for Instructions regarding a Supreme Court Matter (Verbal) - A. Ceddia, Executive General Counsel and Head of Legal Services – Trustee Del Grande

Trustees Del Grande and Kennedy did not participate in discussions regarding those Items nor vote.

Trustee Kennedy declared a Conflict of Interest in Item 12d) 2025 - 2026 Updated Budget Framework - R. Putnam, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer as she has family members who are employees of this Board. Trustee Kennedy indicated that she would neither participate in discussions regarding that Item nor vote.

**10. Approval and Signing of Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

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

**10b) Special Board (Corporate Services) Held April 10, 2025, approved; and**

**10c) Regular Board Held April 24, 2025, approved.**

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

**11. Member Statements**

**11a) From Trustee Del Grande regarding Toronto Catholic District School Board's (TCDSB) Decision to Exclude March for Life Week held March 5-9, 2025 from its Activities Calendar.**

**11b) From Trustee Lubinski, on behalf of Mrs. Sheree Clarke, Parent of a Grade 8 Student, regarding Recognition of Several TCDSB Staff Members at the Holy Trinity Catholic Elementary School, for their Remarkable Contributions, Exceptional Dedication and Unwavering Support for her daughter and all Students at the School.**

**12. Presentations**

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

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

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

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

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

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

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

**12c) From the Student Trustees** received.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustee Goodluck left the meeting at 8:05 pm.

Trustee Kennedy left the horseshoe at 8:07 pm due to a Declaration of Interest in Item 12d) below, as earlier indicated.

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

- 12d) 2025 - 2026 Updated Budget Framework - R. Putnam, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer** received.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Kennedy returned to the horseshoe at 8:49 pm.

## **15. Consent and Review**

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

- 20a) 2025 - 2026 Budget Engagement Results – Trustee Rizzo;
- 20b) Monthly Procurement - Recently Awarded Contracts – Trustee Rizzo;
- 21a) From the Governance and Policy Committee: Electronic Participation in Meetings of the Board, Committees of the Board, and the Committee of the Whole Board Policy – Trustee Rizzo;
- 21f) Recommended Changes to Standing Committee Meetings Resulting from Regulation 463/97 – Trustee Rizzo;
- 21g) Monthly Procurement - Contracts for Award – Trustee Rizzo;
- 21h) Trustee Expenses Budget Update – Trustee Rizzo; and
- 21i) REVISED: City of Toronto's Proposed Demonstration By-Law to Protect Vulnerable Institutions – Trustee Rizzo

MOVED by Trustee Martino, seconded by Trustee Tanuan, 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  
Di Giorgio  
Kennedy  
Li Preti  
Lubinski  
Martino  
Morrison  
Rizzo  
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

**ITEMS NOT HELD AS CAPTURED IN ABOVE MOTION**

- 21b) **From the Governance and Policy Committee: Cafeteria Services and Food and Beverage Sold in Schools** that the proposed Cafeteria Services and Food and Beverage Sold in Schools Policy provided in Appendix A (tracked) and Appendix B (clean), be approved and the Cafeteria - Secondary Schools Policy provided in Appendix C of the report be rescinded;
- 21c) **From the Governance and Policy Committee: Awards, Scholarship and Bursaries Policy** that the proposed Awards, Scholarships, and

Bursaries Policy provided in Appendix A (tracked) and Appendix B (clean) of the report, be approved;

- 21d) **From the Governance and Policy Committee: Credit Union Policy** that the Credit Union Policy provided in Appendix A of the report be rescinded;
- 21e) **From the Governance and Policy Committee: Business Cards Policy** that the Business Cards Policy provided in Appendix A of the report be rescinded;
- 22a) **From Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) regarding Board Meeting Highlights OCSTA Board of Directors April 30 and May 3, 2025;**

Listing of Communications

- 23a) **From the Governance and Policy Committee: Approved Minutes of Meeting Held April 1, 2025;**
- 23b) **From the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee: Approved Minutes of Meeting Held April 7, 2025;**
- 23c) **From J. Paul Dube, Ombudsman, regarding Progress Report on Implementation of Recommendations concerning Student Transportation Issues;**
- 25a) **Master Pending List and Rolling Calendar; and**
- 25b) **Annual Report**

Trustee Morrison left the horseshoe at 8:58 pm.

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

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Martino, that Item 20a) be adopted as follows:

- 20a) **2025 - 2026 Budget Engagement Results** 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  
                  Rizzo  
                  Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Morrison returned to the horseshoe at 9:01 pm.

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Morrison, that Item 20b) be adopted as follows:

**20b) Monthly Procurement - Recently Awarded Contracts** 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

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

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

**21a) From the Governance and Policy Committee: Electronic Participation in Meetings of the Board, Committees of the Board, and the Committee of the Whole Board Policy** received.

Trustee D'Amico left the horseshoe at 9:16 pm.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Trustee Del Grande, that the revised Electronic Meetings and Meeting Attendance Policy in Appendix A – Tracked and Appendix B - Clean, and Operational Procedures- “Protocol for Participating in Board and Its Committee Meetings Using Electronic Means” in Appendix C – Tracked and Appendix D - Clean be adopted.

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

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

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

Rizzo  
Tanuan

The AMENDMENT was declared

CARRIED

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

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees      Crawford  
                  De Domenico  
                  Del Grande  
                  Di Giorgio  
                  Kennedy  
                  Li Preti  
                  Lubinski  
                  Morrison  
                  Tanuan

Martino  
Rizzo

The Motion, as amended, was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Trustee Martino, that Item 21f) be adopted as follows:

- 21f) Recommended Changes to Standing Committee Meetings Resulting from Regulation 463/97** that a report to amend the By-Laws as per the recommendation in quotes below be brought to the June 2025 Board Meeting:

“That the Board amend By-Law 175 by:

- 1) Deleting Article 6.2 “Monthly Special Meetings of the Board” and replacing it with Article 6.2 “Reports from Standing Committees to the Board – Governance and Policy, Corporate Services, and Student Achievement” found in Appendix A; and
- 2) Making minor amendments to Articles 6.3, 8.1, 9.4, and 9.9 (as shown in Appendix A) dealing with how committee reports move to the Board agenda so that these provisions are consistent with the revised Article 6.2. The highlights in Appendix A show additions and the strikethrough shows deletions.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Kennedy, that 9.9.10 Declarations of Interest be placed before 9.9.8 Consent Agenda.

Trustee D’Amico returned to the horseshoe at 9:24 pm.

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

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

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

Morrison  
Rizzo  
Tanuan

The AMENDMENT was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Morrison left the horseshoe at 9:28 pm and returned at 9:29 pm.

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  
                  Morrison  
                  Rizzo  
                  Tanuan

The Motion, as amended, was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Crawford, that Item 21g) be adopted as follows:

- 21g) Monthly Procurement - Contracts for Award** that the Board of Trustees approve all procurement activities/awards listed in Appendix A of the report.

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

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

- 21g) Trustee Expenses Budget Update** that the six-month Trustee Expenses Budget Update be received and that any remaining funds at the end of the Trustee year, being November 14, 2025, be used to reduce the deficit.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Di Giorgio, seconded by Trustee Li Preti, that:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Trustee Expense Budget be reduced to \$6,000 per annum, effective November 14 ,2025.

The Chair ruled the AMENDMENT out of order.

Trustee Di Giorgio challenged the Chair..

Results of the Vote taken on the Chairs' Ruling, as follows:

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

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

The Chair's Ruling was upheld.

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

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

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

Rizzo  
Tanuan

The Main Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Martino, that Item 21i) be adopted as follows:

- 21i) **REVISED: City of Toronto's Proposed Demonstration By-Law to Protect Vulnerable Institutions** 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

MOVED by Trustee Martino, seconded by Trustee Li Preti, that the meeting resolve back into PRIVATE Session.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

**In Favour**

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

**Opposed**

Li Preti

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

**PRESENT (Following PRIVATE Session):**

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

## 7. Reports from Private Session

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

In PRIVATE Session:

- a) Received a Presentation on Updated Budget Framework;
- b) Received a report on Ministry Investigation Update;
- c) Received a verbal report on a legal matter;
- d) Approved recommendations regarding a Human Resources matter; and
- e) Received a Communication from the Deputy Minister of Education, Denise Cole regarding Ministry Investigation.

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

### **Resolve into Quadruple Session**

MOVED by Trustee Di Giorgio, seconded by Trustee Tanuan, that the meeting resolve into QUADRUPLE Session.

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

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SECRETARY

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CHAIR