

CALGARY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) held in the Multipurpose Room, Education Centre, 1221 – 8 Street SW, Calgary, Alberta on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Board of Trustees:

Trustee L. Hack, Chair
Trustee P. Bolger
Trustee N. Close
Trustee M. Dennis
Trustee D. Downey (attended virtually)
Trustee C. May
Trustee S. Vukadinovic

Administration:

G. Strother, Acting Chief Superintendent (joined at 11:41 a.m.)
R. Armstrong, Superintendent, Human Resources
D. Breton, Superintendent, Facilities and Environmental Services
K. Fenney, General Counsel
B. Grundy, Superintendent, Finance/Technology Services
M. Martin-Esposito, Chief Communications Officer
M. Nelson, Acting Superintendent, School Improvement
J. Pitman, Superintendent, School Improvement
P. Minor, Corporate Secretary
M. Graham, Board Administrator

Stakeholder Representatives:

C. Gordon, Canadian Union of Provincial Employees (CUPE), Local 40
J. Sturgeon, Sr. High Principal’s Association

1 | **CALL TO ORDER, NATIONAL ANTHEM AND WELCOME**

Chair Hack called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and students from Fish Creek School led the national anthem through a video recording.

Chair Hack acknowledged the traditional territories and oral practices of the Blackfoot Nations, which includes the Siksika, the Piikani, and the Kainai. She also acknowledged the Tsuut’ina and Stoney Nakoda First Nations, the Métis Nation (Region 3), and all people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of Southern Alberta.

The Chair welcomed staff, union representatives and members of the public to the meeting, including those attending virtually



2 | **CONSIDERATION/ APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

P. Minor, Corporate Secretary, noted that a request was received to remove Item 9.2.2, Acting Chief Superintendent's Update, from the Consent Agenda and add it as Item 7.2 under Matters for Board Information.

MOVED by Trustee Bolger:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the agenda for the Regular Meeting of December 12, 2023, subject to the changes noted above.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3 | **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

There were no presentations.

4 | **RESULTS FOCUS**

There were no reports or presentations.

5 | **OPERATIONAL EXPECTATIONS**

5.1 OE-8: Communicating and Engaging With the Public – Annual Monitoring

Superintendent Pitman, School Improvement, introduced the report stating that the data collected applies to the 2022-23 school year and provides evidence that staff worked to foster relationships with communities, and communication and engagement are essential to building understanding and support for the organizational efforts to support student success. The report notes evidence of compliance with all fourteen indicators.

M. Martin-Esposito provided highlights including: opportunities for community engagement and feedback; communication efforts across the system; timely and responsive communication, involving people in decisions that effect them; various communication platforms; feedback surveys which inform planning and decision making; opportunities for staff feedback; keeping school councils informed; and responsiveness to concerns and complaints.

Administration responded to trustee questions on matters from the report, including: school councils; the concerns and complaints process and trends; engagements conducted in the 2022-23 school year; and engagement plans for the 2023-24 school year.

Chair Hack asked trustees to identify their intentions to bring forward any motions related to compliance, exceptions or commendations for OE-8: Communicating and Engaging With the Public to the Corporate Secretary and to trustees by noon, Thursday, January 11, 2024. If no motions come forward, the item will be placed on the January 16, 2024 consent agenda with the motion that the Board of Trustees approves that the Chief



Superintendent is in compliance with the provisions of OE-8: Communicating and Engaging With the Public.

6 | PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

7 | MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD INFORMATION

7.1 2023-2024 School Enrolment Report

Superintendent Pitman, School Improvement, introduced the report, stating that it captures enrolment changes effective after September 30 in each school year. The 2022-23 school year broke all previous enrolment records, and the same has occurred this year.

Superintendent Breton provided highlights on the report, including: 5.4% year-over-year enrolment growth, equaling over 7000 students; community schools have grown at a rate of 6%, alternative program settings at a rate of 2%; system-wide utilization has grown to 92%, noting that Alberta Education considers a school full at 85% utilization; and the necessity of new schools as per the Three-Year Capital Plan.

Administration responded to trustee questions on matters in the report, including: school utilization and classroom space in schools; implications of out-of-bounds students on program availability; school transfers; specialized class capacity; communication with and feedback from parents regarding school overflow; impact of continued enrollment growth on long-term capital planning; the provincial government's weighted moving average model; capital planning; major modernization of schools; Alberta Education utilization rate formula; and CBE student achievement results and impact of enrolment on education quality.

7.2 Acting Chief Superintendent's Update

Administration responded to trustee questions on Reimagining Indigenous Education With Indigenous Wisdom Traditions research project and SAIT partnerships for career pathways.

8 | MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD DECISION

There were no reports or presentations.

9 | CONSENT AGENDA

9.1 Items Provided for Board Decision

9.2 Items Provided for Board Information

9.2.1 Correspondence



Chair Hack noted the public portion of this meeting is now adjourned; and, that the Board would reconvene in private to discuss one legal, one land, five labour and three strategic planning matters. She stated the next public Board meeting is on Tuesday, January 16, 2024.

Recessed: 12:02 p.m.
Reconvened: 12:34 p.m.

10 | **PRIVATE SESSION**

Trustee Downey confirmed she was alone and in a location that no other person could hear her or any part of this meeting.

Motion to Move In Camera

MOVED by Trustee Dennis:

Whereas the Board of Trustees is of the opinion that it is in the public interest that matters on the private agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, December 12, 2023 be considered at a private session; therefore, be it

Resolved, **THAT the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees moves in camera.**

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion to Move Out of In Camera

MOVED by Trustee May:

THAT the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees moves out of in camera.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motions to Action In-Camera Recommendations

MOVED by Trustee Dennis:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves recommendations A, B, C, and D, as outlined in the private report.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Bolger:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves recommendations A, B, and C, as outlined in the private report.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



MOVED by Trustee May:

THAT the Board of Trustees authorizes the Chair to communicate with EducationMatters as discussed in camera.

The motion was
CARRIED.

In Favour: Trustee Bolger
Trustee Close
Trustee Dennis
Trustee Downey
Trustee Hack
Trustee May

Opposed: Trustee Vukadinovic

MOVED by Trustee Vukadinovic:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of Ms. Jody Moseley as Governor of EducationMatters for a three-year term effective December 12, 2023 ending December 12, 2026.

The motion was
CARRIED.

In Favour: Trustee Bolger
Trustee Close
Trustee Dennis
Trustee Downey
Trustee May
Trustee Vukadinovic

Opposed: Trustee Hack

MOVED by Trustee Vukadinovic:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of Mr. Uche Adiele as Governor of EducationMatters for a three-year term effective December 12, 2023 ending December 12, 2026.

The motion was
CARRIED.

In Favour: Trustee Bolger
Trustee Close
Trustee Dennis
Trustee Downey
Trustee May
Trustee Vukadinovic

Opposed: Trustee Hack



MOVED by Trustee Close:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of Mr. Mike Shaikh as Governor of EducationMatters for a three-year term effective October 18, 2023 ending October 18, 2026.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11 | **TERMINATION OF MEETING**

The meeting terminated at 4:50 p.m.

