

CALGARY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees (the "Board") held in Calgary, Alberta on Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 11:00 a.m., on Microsoft Teams.

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Board of Trustees:

Trustee P. Bolger (Chair)
Trustee N. Close
Trustee M. Dennis
Trustee L. Hack
Trustee C. May
Trustee S. Vukadinovic

Administration:

J. Pitman, Chief Superintendent of Schools
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, Superintendent, School Improvement
J. Turner, Superintendent, School Improvement
P. Minor, Corporate Secretary
M. Graham, Board Administrator

1 | CALL TO ORDER, NATIONAL ANTHEM, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND AND WELCOME

Chair Bolger called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and students from the Central Memorial High School Orchestra led the national anthem through a video recording.

Chair Bolger acknowledged the traditional territories and oral practices of the Treaty 7 Nations, including the Siksikaitsitapi, comprised of the Siksika, the Kainai, the Piikani, and the Amskapi Piikani Nations. We acknowledge the Tsuut'ina Nation, the Îyârhe Nakoda, comprised of the Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Goodstoney Nations, the Métis Nation within Alberta, and all people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of southern Alberta. This land on which we gather is traditionally known as Moh'kinstsis, Guts'ists'I, Wîchîspa, and otôskwanihk.

As a learning organization, we are committed to advancing the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action focused on Education for Reconciliation.



Oki, Dādánast'áda, Âba Wathtec, Tâniši, Taanishi, bonjour, hello, and welcome from Chair Bolger, to all staff, union representatives, and members of the public in attendance at the meeting.

2 | **CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

P. Minor, Corporate Secretary, noted that no agenda change requests were received.

MOVED by Trustee Close:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the agenda for the Regular Meeting of March 4, 2025, as submitted.

The motion was
CARRIED.

In favour: Trustee Bolger
Trustee Close
Trustee Hack
Trustee May
Trustee Vukadinovic

Opposed: Trustee Dennis

3 | **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

3.1 **2025 ASBA Edwin Parr Award Nominee**

Chief Superintendent Pitman introduced the award, highlighting that the award recognizes excellence in first year teaching; the history of Edwin Parr and the establishment of the award; changes to the nomination and award process; and the talent, skill, and commitment exhibited by CBE first-year teachers.

J. Hillas, Principal Consultant, provided further context about the CBE nomination process, highlighting the nomination of five first-year teachers; the dedicated teaching team across the CBE; the work of the CBE Edwin Parr Selection Committee; recognition of each CBE teacher nominated this year; and the strengths of this year's nominee.

T. Austin, Principal at Thomas B. Riley School, introduced nominee, Hannah Prasad, teacher of Drama and Foods, highlighting her ability to engage, inspire, and uplift students; the embodiment of the qualities of innovation, inclusivity, and life-long learning; her creation of a learning environment where students feel free to express themselves; her ability to foster creativity, confidence and a strong sense of community; and her dedication to teamwork, continuous growth, and support of extra-curricular activities.

H. Prasad, nominee, expressed her thanks and shared about the support of school administration and staff; the experiences and lessons learned in the first year of teaching; and the joy of seeing student success.



Trustees made comments on the uplifting and inspiring nature of this annual award; the nominee's dedication to her students in both teaching and extracurricular activities; appreciation for the work of the nominee in CBE; and expressed thanks to the CBE Edwin Parr Selection Committee.

MOVED by Trustee Close:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves Hannah Prasad as recipient of the 2025 Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Edwin Parr Award for the Calgary Board of Education.

In debate of the motion, trustees made comments on the support of the nominee shared by her colleagues, and the positive impact of the nominee at Thomas B. Riley School and to its students.

Chair Bolger called for a vote.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chair Bolger congratulated H. Prasad on her receipt of the award on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

4 | **RESULTS FOCUS**

4.1 **Results 3: Citizenship – Annual Monitoring**

Chief Superintendent Pitman introduced the report, highlighting that the results are from the 2023-2024 school year; a summary of data gathered; a summary of strong student results demonstrating an understanding of social studies issues; a foundation for continued exploration of the values of empathy, compassion, diversity, and collaborative conflict resolution; and the context of high enrolment and a growing population of English as an Additional Language students, many of whom are new to the Canadian cultural context.

Superintendent Turner provided additional highlights from the report, including further details regarding the scope of the data collected; targeted supports for English as an Additional Language learners; results from students on the Environmental Stewardship Assurance Measures; key factors that may be impacting results, including curriculum changes, curriculum alignment with survey questions and the middle years' social-emotional context; ongoing work to increase results for student citizenship development, to support Indigenous ways of learning and learning from the land, and to align survey questions with new curriculum.

Administration responded to trustee questions on matters from the report, including student demonstrations of understanding of social studies issues as measured by report card results; survey questions related to environmental conversations; inclusion of results from students with complex learning needs; professional development regarding book studies; book studies and read-aloud opportunities in support of



student achievement; and the English as an Additional Language learner designate network.

Chair Bolger asked trustees to identify their intentions to bring forward any motions related to exceptions or commendations for the Results 3: Citizenship policy to the Corporate Secretary and to all trustees by noon, Thursday, March 13, 2025. The Chair noted this item will be placed on the public meeting agenda for March 18, 2025 for the Board's consideration.

5 | OPERATIONAL EXPECTATIONS

5.1 OE-7: Communication With and Support for the Board – Annual Monitoring

Chief Superintendent Pitman introduced the report, stating the data relates to the 2023-2024 school year and provides evidence of compliance with OE-7 policy measures to ensure sufficient, accurate and timely communication with the Board.

Administration responded to trustee questions on matters from the report, including monthly Chief Superintendent's Update reports.

Chair Bolger asked trustees to identify their intentions to bring forward any motions related to compliance, exceptions or commendations for OE-7: Communication With and Support for the Board to the Corporate Secretary and to trustees by noon, Thursday, March 13, 2025. She stated that if no motions come forward, the item will be placed on the March 18, 2025 consent agenda with a motion that the Board of Trustees approves that the Chief Superintendent is in compliance with the provisions of OE-7: Communication With and Support for the Board.

6 | PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

7 | MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD INFORMATION

There were no reports or presentations.

8 | MATTERS RESERVED FOR BOARD DECISION

8.1 Revised CBE Boundary Adjustment – Lewisburg and Huxley

Chief Superintendent Pitman introduced the report, noting that this boundary adjustment has come back to the Board of Trustees for consideration due to a technical issue identified by Alberta Education in the original boundary adjustment request.

Superintendent Breton provided additional information from the report, stating that the original CBE request did not align with how the land was annexed by the City of Calgary; the Government of Alberta decision to require alignment, including undeveloped areas; the minimal risk in making this change; and the timeline for bringing students from these areas into CBE schools for the 2025-26 school year.



Administration responded to trustee questions on matters from the report, including measures to address this issue in future boundary changes; the Area Structure Plan; future school sites within the additional boundary area; the City of Calgary Order in Council annexation order; school utilization and capacity; student school designations in the additional area; and consequences should these boundary adjustments not be approved.

MOVED by Trustee Hack:

THAT the Board of Trustees postpone consideration of the motion contained in the Revised CBE Boundary Adjustment – Lewisburg and Huxley until March 18, 2025.

A trustee asked a question about what factors have led to the motion to postpone. Trustee Hack explained that she would like to wait to receive additional information from anticipated Alberta Education capital announcements.

In debate of the motion, trustees made comments on the context of high utilization rates; time to weigh the impacts of the Alberta Education capital announcements on CBE capital planning; existing discrepancy between City of Calgary boundaries and CBE boundaries; expectations of families living in new communities that their children will attend CBE schools; impacts on transportation; the potential need for broader conversation with the City of Calgary on expansion; and the inability to control either City of Calgary expansion or Alberta Education approval for new school construction.

Chair Bolger called for a vote.

The motion was
DEFEATED.

In favour: Trustee Bolger
Trustee Hack
Trustee May

Opposed: Trustee Close
Trustee Dennis
Trustee Vukadinovic

MOVED by Trustee Dennis:

THAT the Board of Trustees authorizes the Chair to correspond with the Minister of Education as per Attachment I to the report.

In debate of the motion, trustees made comments on the technicality of the motion; concern about language surrounding “controlling CBE boundaries”; boundary alignment with the City of Calgary; school utilization and capacity challenges; the duty to educate all City of Calgary students; and the importance of citizen advocacy for new school construction.

Chair Bolger called for a vote.

The motion was
CARRIED.

In favour: Trustee Bolger



Trustee Close
Trustee Dennis
Trustee May
Trustee Vukadinovic

Opposed: Trustee Hack

9 | CONSENT AGENDA

9.1 Items Provided for Board Decision

9.1.1 OE-3: Instructional Program – Annual Monitoring

THAT the Board of Trustees approves that the Chief Superintendent is in compliance with the provisions of Operational Expectations 3: Instructional Program.

9.2 Items Provided for Board Information

9.2.1 Chief Superintendent's Update

Chair Bolger noted the public portion of this meeting is now adjourned; and that the Board would reconvene in private to discuss one legal, four land, two labour and four strategic planning matters. She stated the next public Board meeting is on Tuesday, March 18, 2025.

Recessed: 12:49 p.m.

Reconvened: 1:21 p.m.

10 | PRIVATE SESSION

Attendees acknowledged that they were alone and in locations that no other person could hear them or any part of this meeting.

Motion to Move In Camera

MOVED by Trustee Vukadinovic:

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, March 4, 2025 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 Close:



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 Hack:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the change in scope of the John G. Diefenbaker High School project from modernization, as reflected in the 2023-2026 Capital Plan, to full replacement; and

THAT the Board of Trustees authorizes the Chair to communicate with the Minister of Education, as discussed in camera.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee May:

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

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Trustee Dennis:

THAT the Board of Trustees authorizes the March 18, 2025 Regular Board Meeting be held virtually, via Microsoft Teams.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11 | MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOVED by Trustee Dennis:

THAT on adjournment the meeting adjourns to the call of the Chair.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Chair Bolger reconvened the March 4, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 8:59 a.m. on Monday, March 17, 2025, on Microsoft Teams.

MEETING ATTENDANCE



Board of Trustees:

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Trustee M. Dennis
Trustee L. Hack
Trustee C. May
Trustee S. Vukadinovic

Administration:

J. Pitman, Chief Superintendent of Schools
K. Fenney, General Counsel
B. Grundy, Superintendent, Finance/Technology Services
M. Martin-Esposito, Chief Communications Officer
P. Minor, Corporate Secretary

All attendees confirmed they were alone and in locations that no other person could hear them or any part of this meeting.

Motion to Move In Camera

MOVED by Trustee Close:

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, March 4, 2025, reconvened March 17, 2025, 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 Hack:

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

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOVED by Trustee Dennis:

THAT on adjournment the meeting adjourns to the call of the Chair.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



The meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

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