



Northeastern Catholic District School Board

383 Birch Street North, Timmins, ON, P4N 6E8

**Public Board Meeting
meeting held October 15, 2025**

MINUTES

PRESENT: Trustees:	Glenn Sheculski, Chair of the Board Colleen Landers, Vice-Chair of the Board Paula Del Guidice *Martin Drainville t/c arrived 5:19 p.m. Elizabeth King Denis Lincez t/c Steve Malciw Fred Salvador Stan Skalecki
Student Trustees:	Jacob Dunkley Alex Turcotte
Administration:	Tricia Stefanic Wertz, Secretary-Treasurer of the Board and Director of Education Jennifer Dunkley, Superintendent of Education Keld Scott, Superintendent of Business
Staff:	Michele Mahaffy, Executive Assistant and Recorder
Guests:	Nil
REGRETS:	Daphne Brumwell, Superintendent of Education

The session began with a territorial acknowledgement and opening prayer.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sheculski called the meeting to order at 4:47 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Motion

MOVED BY: E. King

Resolution 25-99

SECONDED BY: P. Del Guidice

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board receive the following declarations of absence and excuse the following trustees and administrative personnel from attending this meeting: Daphne Brumwell and Martin Drainville (late arrival 5:19 p.m.)

Carried

Chair Sheculski proposed changes to the agenda ahead of its approval. The presenter for J.1.1 Student Mental Health changed to Superintendent Jennifer Dunkley, no SEAC report will be heard as the day's meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum, and an addition of item J.2.10.2 Grand Opening – St. Joseph School Early Learning Child Care Centre was also noted.

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion

MOVED BY: S. Skalecki
SECONDED BY: C. Landers

Resolution 25-100

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board adopt the agenda of the Public Board Meeting as amended.

Carried

D. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Motion

MOVED BY: E. King
SECONDED BY: D. Lincez

Resolution 25-101

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board resolve into Committee of the Whole Board and close the meeting to the public in accordance with the provisions of Section 207(2) of the Education Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.E.2.

Carried

The student trustees left the boardroom and the meeting moved to the in camera session.

E. CALL TO ORDER

All parties returned to the Board Room. Chair Sheculski called the meeting to order, resuming the Public Meeting of the Board at 5:16 p.m.

F. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST - Nil

G. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion

MOVED BY: S. Skalecki
SECONDED BY: D. Lincez

Resolution 25-102

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve the following minutes as presented.

Public Board Meeting, held on September 17, 2025

Carried

H. DELEGATIONS - Nil

I. POLICY

I.1 C-3 Community Use of Schools

Motion

MOVED BY: F. Salvador
SECONDED BY: P. Del Guidice

Resolution 25-103

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *C-3 Community Use of Schools* at second and third reading.

Carried

I.2 E-30 Student Transportation

Motion

MOVED BY: E. King
SECONDED BY: C. Landers

Resolution 25-104

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *E-30 Student Transportation* at second and third reading.

Carried

I.3 I-1 Video Surveillance

Motion

MOVED BY: S. Skalecki
SECONDED BY: P. Del Guidice

Resolution 25-105

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *I-1 Video Surveillance* at second and third reading.

Carried

I.4 P-1 Long Term Leave Without Pay

Motion

MOVED BY: D. Lincez
SECONDED BY: C. Landers

Resolution 25-106

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve *policy P-1 Long Term Leave Without Pay* at second and third reading.

Carried

I.5 P-16 Resolution of Complaints

Motion

MOVED BY: E. King
SECONDED BY: S. Malciw

Resolution 25-107

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve *policy P-16 Resolution of Complaints* at second and third reading.

Carried

I.6 P-19 Right to Disconnect

Motion

MOVED BY: F. Salvador
SECONDED BY: C. Landers

Resolution 25-108

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve *policy P-19 Right to Disconnect* at second and third reading.

Carried

I.7 T-14 Trustee Support Services

Motion

MOVED BY: C. Landers
SECONDED BY: S. Malciw

Resolution 25-109

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve *policy T-14 Trustee Support Services* at second and third reading.

Carried

Note: Trustee Drainville joined the meeting virtually on Teams at 5:19 p.m.

J. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

J.1 Presentations

J.1.1 Student Mental Health – Jennifer Dunkley, Superintendent of Education

Superintendent Jennifer Dunkley presented information related to the NCDSB Mental Health Strategy as well as specific information about the 2025-2026 action plan. Trustees engaged the presenter in discussion around parent engagement and support and thanked the team for their work on this initiative.

J.2 Reports

J.2.1 Student Trustees – Monthly Student Report, Jacob Dunkley and Alex Turcotte

The student trustees presented this month's OHS update which included:

- School Activities: The Human Handshake, Terry Fox Walk, National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, Grade 9 Retreat, and Thanksgiving School Mass
- Extracurriculars: Art Club, OSO and HOSA
- Sports: golf, tennis, girls' basketball,

J.2.2 Audit Committee – September 29, 2025 Meeting Update and June 2, 2025 Minutes

Trustee Sheculski provided a brief report on the September 2025 meeting, noting that the committee will bring the 2024-2025 Annual Audit Committee Report to the Board for approval in a motion to follow. Trustees were referred to the June 2, 2025 minutes included in the Board Package.

J.2.3 Indigenous Advisory Committee – Nil

J.2.4 Special Education Advisory Committee – September 17, 2025 Meeting Update and June 11, 2025 Minutes

Chair Sheculski reported that the September 17, 2025 meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum and referred to the June minutes included in the Board Package.

J.2.5 Supervised Alternative Learning – Nil

J.2.6 Student Discipline – Nil

J.2.7 Transportation Committee – September 22, 2025 Meeting Update

Chair Sheculski reported on the recent meeting. The meeting was brief but included the election of Chair, Rosemary Pochopsky, and an update on the driver shortage, particularly spare drivers.

J.2.8 Program - Nil

J.2.9 Business – Keld Scott, Superintendent of Business

J.2.9.1 2025-2026 Budget Update

Superintendent Scott shared information on increased enrolment and the resulting additional funding, seeking trustee input for consideration by the board. Trustees shared some ideas and suggestions.

J.2.9.2 Personnel Report

Superintendent Scott reported three new hires, four retirements and seven resignations. Superintendent Scott acknowledged the retirement of Gino Pandolfi who served as a custodian in Timmins. K. Scott noted Gino's long-standing service as well as his dedication and commitment to staff and students and extended best wishes on behalf of the Board.

Superintendent Scott also acknowledged the long-standing service of Barry Shadd, a custodian at St. Patrick School in Kapuskasing. K. Scott and D. Lincez noted Barry's generosity and reliability and extended best wishes on behalf of the Board and the community.

Superintendent Dunkley acknowledged upcoming retiree Joelle Casonato, teacher at St. Patrick School in Kapuskasing, who will be retiring at the end of the year. She noted Joelle's leadership and commitment to students and extended best wishes to Joelle on her upcoming retirement.

J.2.10 Director of Education

J.2.10.1 Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Director Weltz’s report focused on NCDSB’s ongoing work to understand and integrate AI into our Catholic schools. She highlighted the NCDSB’s *Guiding Principles for the Ethical and Responsible Use of AI*, which was based on 249 staff survey responses, and outlined next steps for professional learning and implementation.

J.2.11 Chair/Trustees

J.2.11.1 Chair Update

Chair Sheculski shared the OCSTA’s concerns regarding Bill 33, which would remove elected school board officials from public school boards, and provided information on planned actions including ways local Boards can assist.

J.2.11.2 OCSTA January Conference

Chair Sheculski referred to the information provided by the OCSTA via email regarding the annual learning session in January in Toronto. Trustees were reminded to notify Michele Mahaffy of their intent to attend and their workshop selections before proceeding with hotel reservations through the OCSTA group booking link.

K. MOTIONS

K.1 Annual Audit Committee Report

Motion

MOVED BY: D. Lincez
SECONDED BY: P. Del Guidice

Resolution 25-110

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve the *Annual Audit Committee Report* and forward, as required, to the Ministry of Education.

Carried

L. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Motion

MOVED BY: C. Landers
SECONDED BY: F. Salvador

Resolution 25-111

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board accept the report of the Committee of the Whole Board and all recommendations contained therein.

Carried

M. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Nil

N. CORRESPONDENCE - Nil

O. NEW BUSINESS – Nil

P. INFORMATION – Nil

Q. FUTURE MEETINGS

Annual Board Meeting – Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 4:45 p.m.

R. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion

MOVED BY:

S. Skalecki

Resolution 25-112

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

Carried

Question and answer period for guests attending the meeting

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Chair of the Board


Secretary-Treasurer