COMMISSION SCOLAIRE CENTRAL QUÉBEC
CENTRAL QUÉBEC SCHOOL BOARD

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Draft minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Central Québec School Board held on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, at 7 p.m. at the Board Office, 2046 chemin Saint-Louis, Québec (Québec) G1T 1P4 and on TEAMS platform.

Present:	Linda Bechtiger	Parent Commissioner (by TEAMS)
	Debbie Cornforth	Commissioner
	David Eden	Commissioner
	Christian Falle	Parent Commissioner
	Debbie Ford-Caron	Commissioner (by TEAMS)
	Karine Gauthier	Commissioner
	André Gosselin	Commissioner
	Chantal Guay	Commissioner (by TEAMS)
	Jason Kilganan	Parent Commissioner (by TEAMS)
	Stephane Lagacé	Director General
	Cameron Lavallee	Commissioner
	Ian O'Gallagher	Vice-chairman
	Shirley Picknell	Commissioner
	KayLee Richardson	Parent Commissioner
	Jean Robert	Chairman
	Jo-Ann Toulouse	Commissioner (by TEAMS)
	Jo Visser	Commissioner

Absent:

In Attendance:	Julien Duchamp	Director of Educational Services
	Leslie Dussault-Marcoux	Recording Secretary (by TEAMS)
	Vincent Laliberté	Secretary General
	Yves Lambert	CQTA President (by TEAMS)
	Anissa Landry	Director of Financial Services
	Nancy L'Heureux	Assistant Director General and Director of Human Resources
	Benoît Sévigny	Director of Buildings and Equipment, Information Technology and Purchasing

25-02.01 **Call to Order**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

25-02.02 **Native Land Recognition Statement**

We would like to begin by acknowledging, honouring, and paying respect to our First Nations Communities; the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we gather for this event today.

25-02.03 **Approval of the Agenda**

It was MOVED by K. Gauthier, SECONDED by S. Picknell and unanimously RESOLVED; THAT the agenda be approved as presented with the addition of the following item:

25-02.15 d) Board Parity Committee

and to shift the next items down.

25-02.04 **Presentation of the Annual Report 2023–2024**

The Annual Report was presented by the Director General, the Chairman and members of the AC. Michèle Barbeau's excellent work on the making of this report was recognized and the Director General encouraged the Council to go read the whole document which can be found on our website.

25-02.05 **Public Question Period**

There were no questions.

25-02.06 **Question Period for Students**

No students were present.

25-02.07 **Correspondence from Students**

No correspondence was received.

25-02.08 **Complaints**

No complaints were received.

25-02.09 **Approval of the Minutes Regular Meeting Held on January 22, 2025**

It was MOVED by C. Guay, SECONDED by J.-A. Toulouse and RESOLVED; THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners held on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, be accepted as presented.

25-02.10 **Business Arising from the Minutes**

No business arose from the minutes.

25-02.11 **Report from the Chairman**

The Chairman provided a report to the Commissioners on the following items:
- Meetings and Engagements
- Message on Perseverance

25-02.11 **Report from the Chairman (continued)**

- Project Summary: Mary Gillespie House

  The Jeffery Hale Community Partners, with the financial contribution of the Government of Canada, acquired the Mary Gillespie House to transform into an accessible, adaptable community space for the City of Québec's English-speaking community.

25-02.12 **General Directorate's Report**

The Director General formally addressed the Council and provided a report on the following items:

A delegation of seven Board Office members, as well as representatives from all English school boards, attended an Artificial Intelligence (AI) Summit at the Lester B. Pearson School Board in Dorval as part of the 2024–2025 CQSB Organizational Objectives.

a) Update from Educational Services

   The CQSB has invested in a platform of bilingual online conferences offered by the *Institut des troubles d'apprentissage*. This pedagogical tool will be available to our Educational Services teams, our local School Teams and it will also feature a parent portal.

   A structured plan has been put into place in response to the recent ministerial decree regarding the revoking of the right to "reach back credits" and the obligation of "subject level promotion" for cycle 2 high school students, which will be effective for the 2025–2026 school year.

b) Update from Buildings & Equipment and IT

c) Update from Human Resources

   The arrival of a new president for our local union promises change in the near future.

   Yves Lambert, CQTA President, attended a "productive meeting" last week.

d) Update from Communications

   The Chairman has been requested for many interviews with the media, notably Radio-Canada, CBC Breakaway and the Quebec Chronicle Telegraph. One of our School Principals was also interviewed by CBC Radio.

25-02.12 **General Directorate's Report (continued)**

e) Update from Financial Services

The Director of Finances did a presentation on the Budget Management Process during the pre-session of this Council's meeting.

f) Update from Secretariat General

Regarding the Archives Management, a group of archivists from many school boards and *Centres de services scolaires* are actively working on a revision of the retention schedule for the education sector, as new regulations require the modernization of documentation management practices.

25-02.13 **Strategic Planning**

J. Duchamp presented the updates on the Action Plans and Commitment-to-success plan for the month of February.

25-02.14 **New Business**

a) Budget Management Process 2025–2026—Youth Sector (adoption)

WHEREAS section 96.25 of the Education Act stipulates that school principals shall participate in defining school board policies;

WHEREAS sections 78 and 193 of the Education Act provide for consultation of school governing boards and the Parents' Committee on various matters concerning the organization of services provided by the School Board;

WHEREAS section 275 of the Education Act stipulates that "the school board shall establish objectives and principles governing the allocation of subsidies, school-tax proceeds and its other revenues";

WHEREAS the Central Québec School Board determines these objectives and principles annually in the Budget Management Process;

WHEREAS the draft Budget Management Process—Youth Sector for the 2025–2026 school year was deposited for consultation to the Council of Commissioners on December 18, 2024;

WHEREAS appropriate consultation has taken place;

25-02.14 **<u>New Business (continued)</u>**

a) <u>Budget Management Process 2025–2026—Youth Sector (adoption) (continued)</u>

It was MOVED by C. Lavallee, SECONDED by J. Kilganan, and unanimously RESOLVED; THAT the Council of Commissioners accept the Budget Management Process—Youth Sector for the 2025–2026 school year as presented.

b) <u>Budget Management Process 2025–2026—Adult Education and Vocational Training (adoption)</u>

WHEREAS section 110.14 of the Education Act stipulates that centre principals shall participate in defining school board policies;

WHEREAS section 110.14 of the Education Act provides for consultation of centre governing boards on various matters concerning the organization of services provided by the School Board;

WHEREAS section 275 of the Education Act stipulates that "the school board shall establish objectives and principles governing the allocation of subsidies, school-tax proceeds and its other revenues";

WHEREAS the Central Québec School Board determines these principles and objectives annually in the Budget Management Process;

WHEREAS the draft Budget Management Process for the 2025–2026 school year was deposited for consultation to the Council of Commissioners on December 18, 2024;

WHEREAS appropriate consultation has taken place;

It was MOVED by S. Picknell, SECONDED by D. Ford-Caron, and unanimously RESOLVED; THAT the Council of Commissioners accept the Budget Management Process—Adult and Vocational Training Sector for the 2025–2026 school year as presented

c) <u>*Adhésion au Regroupement d'achat pour les assurances de dommages (véhicules, biens, crimes et bris de machines) de la Commission scolaire Central Québec*</u>

CONSIDÉRANT l'expérience financièrement avantageuse, vécue les années passées, par les regroupements de certains centres de services scolaires pour l'obtention d'un portefeuille d'assurances de dommages;

25-02.14 **<u>New Business (continued)</u>**

c) *Adhésion au Regroupement d'achat pour les assurances de dommages (véhicules, biens, crimes et bris de machines) de la Commission scolaire Central Québec* (continued)

CONSIDÉRANT QU'il est avantageux d'être regroupé dans un seul regroupement, le regroupement de l'Est-du-Québec, d'Estrie-Montérégie et celui des centres de services scolaires des Mille-Îles et de Laval;

CONSIDÉRANT QU'il serait dans l'intérêt de la Commission scolaire Central Québec de renouveler son adhésion à ce regroupement d'achats d'assurances générales;

CONSIDÉRANT QUE l'article 42.0.2 du ***Règlement sur les contrats de services des organismes publics*** *prévoit la possibilité d'options de renouvellement pour les contrats de services d'assurances de dommages;*

CONSIDÉRANT QUE l'article 46 du ***Règlement sur les contrats de services des organismes publics*** *stipule que l'autorisation du dirigeant de l'organisme public est requise pour tout contrat de nature répétitive dont la durée prévue, incluant tout renouvellement, est supérieur à 3 ans;*

Il est PROPOSÉ par I. O'Gallagher, APPUYÉ par D. Eden et RÉSOLU à l'unanimité; DE RENOUVELER l'adhésion au regroupement composé de l'Est-du-Québec, d'Estrie-Montérégie et celui des centres de services scolaires des Mille-Îles et de Laval pour le renouvellement de ses assurances de dommages pour l'année 2025-2026, pour les portefeuilles d'assurances véhicules, biens, crimes et bris de machines.

DE MANDATER la firme Gestion Guy Turcot & Associés Inc. pour entamer une négociation de gré à gré, en application de la clause d'option de renouvellement ou pour procéder à un appel d'offres public pour le renouvellement de la couverture d'assurances pour l'ensemble des centres services scolaires du regroupement concerné.

DE MANDATER, s'il y a lieu, le Centre de services scolaire de la Région-de-Sherbrooke à réaliser l'appel d'offres public selon les politiques et procédures en vigueur à ce centre de services scolaire et d'accepter d'être responsable au même titre que celui-ci pour le présent mandat.

DE S'ENGAGER à accepter la recommandation du regroupement pour l'obtention d'un portefeuille d'assurances, soit de renouveler avec Beneva ou avec la firme déterminée à la suite d'un appel d'offres.

D'AUTORISER Vincent Laliberté, secrétaire général, à signer tout document découlant de la présente résolution.

25-02.14 **New Business (continued)**

d) Banking Agreement—Adoption of New Signing Officers

WHEREAS the bank requires CQSB to have four signing officers for banking matters; two representatives of the Council of Commissioners (Chairman and Vice-Chairman) and two representatives from management (Director General and Assistant Director General);

WHEREAS changes in administration took place at the beginning of this school year, following the retirement of the Director General in August 2024 and the School Board Elections in November 2024;

WHEREAS the former Director of Educational Services is now a signing officer in his new capacity as Directory General;

WHEREAS the former Vice-chairman of the Council of Commissioners will remain a signing officer in his new capacity as Chairman, since his nomination in November 2024;

WHEREAS Ian O'Gallagher was nominated as Vice-chairman of the Council of Commissioners in November 2024;

It was MOVED by K. Richardson, SECONDED by K. Gauthier, and unanimously RESOLVED; THAT the four signing officers for CQSB as of February 26, 2025, would be:

1. Chairman: Jean Robert
2. Vice-Chairman: Ian O'Gallagher
3. Director General: Stéphane Lagacé
4. Assistant Director General: Nancy L'Heureux

e) *Échange et cession de parties de lots pour la construction d'une nouvelle école secondaire pour la CSCQ*

ATTENDU QUE la Commission scolaire Central Québec (CSCQ) a pour projet la démolition de l'École Saint-Vincent et la reconstruction d'une nouvelle école secondaire sur le même site;

ATTENDU QUE la CSCQ a demandé d'échanger une parcelle de terrain afin de créer une limite de lot plus linéaire au sud du centre administratif du Centre de services scolaires des Découvreurs (CSSDD) et d'optimiser l'usage du site pour la nouvelle construction;

ATTENDU QUE, lors d'une conception récente de la future école, la CSCQ a réalisé qu'une superficie plus grande qu'initialement prévue sera requise, que les superficies de terrains à échanger ne sont plus équivalentes et qu'une superficie supplémentaire approximative de 940 m2 est à céder par le CSSDD à la CSCQ;

25-02.14 **<u>New Business (continued)</u>**

e) *<u>Échange et cession de parties de lots pour la construction d'une nouvelle école secondaire pour la CSCQ</u>* <u>(continued)</u>

ATTENDU QUE la CSCQ prendra en charge toutes les dépenses du réaménagement requis sur le propriété actuelle et future du CSSDD ainsi que tous les honoraires, frais et déboursés inhérents en lien avec cet échange de terrain et aux transactions nécessaires;

ATTENDU QUE la CSCQ prendra en charge tous les travaux de réaménagement requis sur la propriété du CSSDD et en assumera la maîtrise d'œuvre;

ATTENDU QU'une autorisation doit être obtenue du ministère de l'Éducation du Québec;

ATTENDU QUE la CSCQ aura des recommandations à recevoir de la Société québécoise des infrastructures dans les transactions immobilières;

ATTENDU QUE les documents des projets « Promesse bilatérale de vente et d'achat » et « Promesse bilatérale de cession » sont déposés en annexe;

ATTENDU QUE le rapport de la firme d'évaluateurs agréés GDA Services immobiliers intégrés établit la valeur marchande à 160$/m2 et que cette valeur sera appliquée à la superficie réelle de l'immeuble à céder lorsque connue (la superficie à céder étant de l'ordre de 940 m2);

Il est PROPOSÉ par I. O'Gallagher, APPUYÉ par D. Cornforth et RÉSOLU à l'unanimité;

1) D'AUTORISER le directeur général de la Commission scolaire Central Québec à signer les documents nommés « Promesse bilatérale de vente et d'achat » et « Promesse bilatérale de cession » de parties des lots 2 012 518 et 2 012 648, ses annexes ainsi que tous les documents afférents, substantiellement conformes aux documents déposés en annexe;

2) QUE la cession et l'échange desdites parties de lots sont conditionnels à l'obtention de l'autorisation du ministre de l'Éducation.

3) QUE le directeur général de la Commission scolaire Central Québec, Stéphane Lagacé, soit, et il l'est par les présentes, autorisé à signer et exécuter l'« Acte bilatéral de vente et d'achat » et « l'Acte bilatéral de cession», et tous les documents requis en pareille matière, à y stipuler toutes clauses et conditions jugées pertinentes ou utiles pour donner effet aux présentes résolutions et à faire toutes les démarches nécessaires afin de compléter les transferts de propriété desdits immeubles en temps opportun et ce dans le meilleur intérêt de la Commission scolaire Central Québec et qu'il soit enfin autorisé à recevoir la considération à être versée à la signature du contrat et à en donner bonne et valable quittance pour et au nom de la CSCQ.

25-02.15 **<u>Committee Reports</u>**

a) Executive Committee

No meeting was held.

b) Parents' Committee

No meeting was held.

c) Special Needs Advisory Committee

A meeting was held on February 17, 2025.

Parent Commissioner J. Kilganan did a report on the last meeting: the committee reviewed the "mix-model classroom approach" and how to get better at handling special needs students.

d) Board Parity Committee

Commissioner J. Kilganan did a report on the last meeting: the committee went over the distribution of funds for special needs students across the school board; how to spread more knowledge and teaching best practices; what can be offered to our students going forward, etc. He thanked the Chairman for his support and shared his faith in the tight-knit English community whom, by sticking together, will truly make a difference in the services provided to our students.

e) Transport Advisory Committee

No meeting was held.

f) Audit Committee

No meeting was held.

g) Evaluation of the Director General

No meeting was held.

h) Ethics and Governance Committee

No meeting was held.

i) Human Resources Committee

No meeting was held.

25-02.15 **Committee Reports (continued)**

j) Resource Allocation Committee

No meeting was held.

25-02.16 **Québec English School Boards Association**

a) Report from the Board of Directors

D. Ford-Caron and J. Robert did a report on the following topics:

New Vice-president of QESBA, update on the fundraising for Bill 40, suggestion to invite Kim Hamilton to attend a Council's pre-session, CARE Conference, promotion campaign on eligibility certificates, QESBA looking into the strategic plan, Excellence in Education Awards, reminder to register for the Spring Conference, Reconciliation Partnership Award, Community Engagement Award.

b) Report from Committees

No report was made.

25-02.17 **Next meeting**

The next regular meeting will be held on March 26, 2025.

25-02.18 **Question period**

a) Public

There were no questions.

b) Commissioners

Commissioner C. Lavallee shared his concerns regarding the issue of space at the Valcartier Elementary School, as an increase in enrolment has been noticed over the last few years. Parent Commissioner K. Richardson agreed that the classrooms are at full capacity and reminded the Council about the lack of a gymnasium. The Director General has already met with the Principal of VES and discussed their short-term options for the next school year. However, a meeting with the ministry should be organized to build a case for the need of a new school in the Saint-Gabriel-de-Valcartier area.

25-02.19 **In-camera session**

No in-camera session was held.

25-02.20 **Adjournment**

The meeting was ADJOURNED at 8:57 p.m. on a motion by J. Visser.

Vincent Laliberté	Jean Robert
Secretary General	Chairman

Approved March 26, 2025.