

**Approved minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Central Québec School Board held on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at 7 p.m., at the Board Office, 2046, chemin Saint-Louis, Québec (Québec) G1T 1P4 and by videoconference on the TEAMS platform.**

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| <b>Present:</b>       | Linda Bechtiger            | Parent Commissioner (by TEAMS)   |
|                       | Debbie Cornforth           | Commissioner (by TEAMS)  |
|                       | Debbie Ford-Caron          | Commissioner (by TEAMS)  |
|                       | Karine Gauthier            | Commissioner (by TEAMS)  |
|                       | André Gosselin             | Commissioner   |
|                       | Chantal Guay               | Commissioner   |
|                       | Jason Kilganan             | Parent Commissioner  |
|                       | Stephane Lagacé            | Director General   |
|                       | Ian O’Gallagher            | Vice-chairman  |
|                       | Shirley Picknell           | Commissioner (by TEAMS)  |
|                       | KayLee Richardson          | Parent Commissioner  |
|                       | Jean Robert                | Chairman   |
|                       | Jo-Ann Toulouse            | Commissioner (by TEAMS)  |
|                       | Alexandra Tremblay-Leclerc | Parent Commissioner (by TEAMS)   |
|                       | Jo Visser                  | Commissioner (by TEAMS)  |
| <b>Absent:</b>        | David Eden                 | Commissioner   |
|                       | Cameron Lavallee           | Commissioner   |
| <b>In Attendance:</b> | Julien Duchamp             | Director of Educational Services   |
|                       | Leslie Dussault-Marcoux    | Recording Secretary  |
|                       | Vincent Laliberté          | Secretary General  |
|                       | Yves Lambert               | CQTA President   |
|                       | Anissa Landry              | Director of Financial Services   |
|                       | Nancy L’Heureux            | Assistant Director General   |
|                       | Benoit Sévigny             | Director of Buildings and Equipment, Information Technology and Purchasing |
|                       | Julie Simard               | Director of Human Resources  |

**26-03.01 Call to Order**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**26-03.02 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.

**26-03.03**      **Approval of the Agenda**

It was MOVED by C. Guay, SECONDED by S. Picknell and unanimously RESOLVED; THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

**26-03.04**      **Public Question Period**

There were no questions.

**26-03.05**      **Question Period for Students**

No students were present.

**26-03.06**      **Correspondence from Students**

No correspondence was received.

**26-03.07**      **Complaints**

No complaints were received.

**26-03.08**      **Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held on February 25, 2026**

It was MOVED by J. Visser, SECONDED by D. Cornforth and RESOLVED; THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners held on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, be accepted as presented.

K. Richardson abstained from voting.

**26-03.09**      **Business Arising from the Minutes**

No business arose from the minutes.

**26-03.10**      **Report from the Chairman**

The Chairman provided a report to the Commissioners on the following items:

- Canada Games Conference
- Appointment to the Order of Canada
- Park Tax Dossier
- Student Golf Program

**26-03.11**      **General Directorate's Report**

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

a) Update from Human Resources

J. Simard reported on the latest news, which included the completion of the *Déclaration du personnel des commissions scolaires* (PERCOS) and the retirement of some members of the school board's management.

**26-03.12**      **Strategic Planning**

J. Duchamp and J. Simard reported on the updates for the months of January and February, with the following topics:

- Retention and Success of Indigenous Learners
- Wellness
- Cultural Identity
- Inclusive Education
- Increasing Student Success
- Modernizing and Valuing Vocational Education
- Elaborating new PPP
- Improving the Climate of Caring, Wellbeing and Safety for Students

**26-03.13**      **New Business**

a) Authorization to Sign Contracts with Athletics (adoption)

WHEREAS under the Directive on the Management of Supply Contracts, Service Contracts, and Construction Work Contracts of Public Bodies, dated February 18, 2025, public bodies must obtain authorization from their governing Council of Commissioners to enter into directly negotiated contracts involving expenditures below the public tender thresholds;

WHEREAS section 13.1.1 of the Directive requires that a public body obtain such authorization from its Council of Commissioners for the acquisition of goods via an online marketplace, when the contract falls under the first paragraph of section 14 of the Act;

WHEREAS such authorization is not required when the company operating the online marketplace has a retail outlet in Québec or whose principal activity is the sale of Québec-made goods;

New Business (continued)a) Authorization to Sign Contracts with Mathletics (adoption) (continued)

WHEREAS the Central Québec School Board requires the authorization from the Council of Commissioners for the following supplier: Mathletics.

WHEREAS a presentation outlining the specific needs of the organization and demonstrating the impossibility of acquiring the required goods from suppliers located in Québec was made to the Council of Commissioners during its pre-session;

WHEREAS it is in the interest of administrative efficiency and regulatory compliance that the Director General be duly authorized by the Council of Commissioners to sign and approve such contracts on behalf of the organization according to our purchasing policies and guidelines;

It was MOVED by C. Guay, SECONDED by J.-A. Toulouse, and unanimously RESOLVED; THAT the Council of Commissioners authorizes the administrators responsible of these purchasing to negotiate and sign contracts on behalf of the organization.

b) Québec High School Servitude with Bell Canada and Hydro-Québec (adoption)

WHEREAS the Central Québec School Board is the owner of the property known and designated under number 6 267 163 in the Québec Cadastre, jurisdiction of Québec;

WHEREAS the Ville de Québec has requested that the CQSB grants to Bell Canada and Hydro-Québec, a servitude agreement with an irrevocable option for a period of twenty-four (24) months to acquire perpetual real rights of servitude on a parcel of land approximately 145 square metres in area, crossing the above-mentioned property;

WHEREAS this servitude agreement is a requirement from the Ville de Québec as part of their tramway project;

WHEREAS it is necessary to authorize the Director General, Mr. Stéphane Lagacé, to sign the servitude agreement on behalf of the CQSB;

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**New Business (continued)**

- b) Québec High School Servitude with Bell Canada and Hydro-Québec (adoption) (continued)

It was MOVED by A. Gosselin, SECONDED by J. Visser, and unanimously RESOLVED; THAT the Central Québec School Board enter into a servitude agreement with Bell Canada and Hydro-Québec; and,

THAT the Director General be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the School Board.

- c) By-Law regarding the Day, Time and Place of Regular Meetings 2026–2027 (deposit)

The draft By-Law regarding the Day, Time and Place of Regular Meetings was received for consultation purposes. The final resolution will be presented for adoption at the May 22, 2026, meeting of the Council of Commissioners.

26-03.15

**Committee Reports**

- a) Executive Committee

No meeting was held.

- b) Parents' Committee

A meeting was scheduled for March 9<sup>th</sup>, but the lack of quorum required the meeting to be postponed. The next meeting will focus on how to avoid this situation from repeating itself.

- c) Special Needs Advisory Committee

No meeting was held.

- d) Transport Advisory Committee

A meeting was held on March 19, 2026. Commissioner S. Picknell shared a few key points: amendments to the Transportation Policy will be discussed at the next meeting; the tramway construction project is impacting the time spent on the bus by the students, as some bus routes are heavily delayed due to the many detours and an increase in traffic in the Sainte-Foy area.

**26-03.15**      **Committee Reports (continued)**

e) Audit Committee

Although the CQSB was selected for an additional audit for March 31<sup>st</sup>, the Assistant-Director General has discussed with the *ministère* about the lack of resources to spare for the school board to fulfil this mandate.

f) Evaluation of the Director General

No meeting was held.

g) Ethics and Governance Committee

No meeting was held.

h) Human Resources Committee

No meeting was held.

i) Resource Allocation Committee

No meeting was held.

**26-03.16**      **Québec English School Boards Association**

a) Report from the Board of Directors

D. Ford-Caron presented a report on the following topics:

- Advocacy: bill 1, bill 21;
- Spring Conference 2026;
- Professional Development Session
- Date of Next Meeting

b) Report from Committees

No report was made.

**26-03.17**      **Next meeting**

The next regular meeting will be held on April 22, 2026.

**26-03.18**      **Question period**

a) Public

There were no questions.

**26-03.18**      **Question period (continued)**

b) **Commissioners**

There were no questions.

**26-03.19**      **In-camera session**

There was no in-camera session.

**26-03.20**      **Adjournment**

The meeting was ADJOURNED at 7:55 p.m. on a motion by J. Kilganan.

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Vincent Laliberté  
Secretary General

Jean Robert  
Chairman

Approved on April 22, 2026.