



**Approved minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Central Québec School Board held on Monday, April 24, 2023, at 5 p.m. on the TEAMS platform.**

<b>Present:</b>	Stephen Burke	Chairman
	Heather Clibbon	Commissioner
	David Eden	Commissioner
	Debbie Ford-Caron	Commissioner
	André Gosselin	Commissioner
	Jessie Greene	Parent Commissioner
	Chantal Guay	Commissioner
	Jason Kilganan	Parent Commissioner
	Cameron Lavallee	Commissioner
	Ian O’Gallagher	Commissioner
	France Pedneault	Commissioner
	Stephen Pigeon	Director General
<b>Absent:</b>	Debbie Cornforth	Parent Commissioner
	Christian Falle	Parent Commissioner
	Jean Robert	Vice-chairman
	Jo Rosenhek	Commissioner
	Jo-Ann Toulouse	Commissioner
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Vincent Laliberté	Secretary General

**23-04A.01 Call to Order**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**23-04A.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.

**23-04A.03 Approval of the Agenda**

It was MOVED by D. Ford-Caron, SECONDED by F. Pedneault, and unanimously RESOLVED; THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

**23-04A.04 Public Question Period**

No public was present.

23-04A.05 **Request to the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur for additional electoral divisions**

WHEREAS the Act respecting school elections (R.S.Q. ch. E-2.3) stipulates that the Central Québec School Board (CQSB) is entitled to 8 electoral divisions;

WHEREAS section 7 of this same Act stipulates that the Minister may authorize a school board to have from one to five more electoral divisions than the number generated by the application of section 6;

WHEREAS the territory of the Central Québec School Board is particularly large;

WHEREAS there are over 180 municipalities on the School Board's territory;

WHEREAS many of the municipalities and schools are located in isolated areas throughout the School Board;

WHEREAS it is important and essential that the population residing in all geographic areas of the Central Québec School Board territory be properly represented on the Council of Commissioners;

WHEREAS the Minister of Education granted the request from the Central Québec School Board for additional electoral divisions for the 1998, 2003, 2007, 2014 and 2018 school elections;

WHEREAS the authorization granted in 2018 permitted the population of the Central Québec School Board to be represented by 11 commissioners;

It was MOVED by A. Gosselin, SECONDED by D. Ford-Caron, and unanimously RESOLVED; THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Central Québec School Board request that the *Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur* authorize the establishment of the three additional electoral divisions, in accordance with the Act respecting school elections, in order to permit the Council of Commissioners to continue to adequately represent the population on its territory.

23-04A.06 **In-camera Session**

There was no in-camera session.

23-04A.07 Adjournment

The meeting was ADJOURNED at 5:03 p.m., on a MOTION by C. Guay.

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Vincent Laliberté  
Secretary General

Stephen Burke  
Chairman

Approved on May 24, 2023.