



Approved minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Central Québec School Board held on Wednesday, June 15, 2022, at 7 p.m. on TEAMS platform.

Present:	Isabel Béland	Parent Commissioner
	Stephen Burke	Chairman
	Heather Clibbon	Commissioner
	Debbie Cornforth	Parent Commissioner
	David Eden	Commissioner
	Christian Falle	Parent Commissioner
	Debbie Ford-Caron	Commissioner
	André Gosselin	Commissioner
	Jason Kilganan	Parent Commissioner
	Cameron Lavallee	Commissioner
	Ian O’Gallagher	Commissioner
	France Pedneault	Commissioner
	Stephen Pigeon	Director General
	Jean Robert	Vice-Chairman
	Jo Rosenhek	Commissioner
	Jo-Ann Toulouse	Commissioner
Absent :	Chantal Guay	Commissioner
In Attendance:	Jacob Dussault-Marcoux	Incoming Recording Secretary
	Anissa Landry	Director of Financial Services
	Stéphane Lagacé	Director of Educational Services
	Nancy L’Heureux	Director of Human Resources and Assistant Director General
	Benoît Sévigny	Director of Buildings & Equipment, Information Technologies
	Melanie Simard	Outgoing Recording Secretary

22-06.01 Call to Order

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

22-06.02 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.

22-06.03 Approval of the Agenda

It was MOVED by J. Rosenhek, SECONDED by J.-A. Toulouse and unanimously RESOLVED; THAT the agenda be approved with the following addition:

Item 11. d) QESBA Membership Fees; and

Item 11. e) CQSB – EMSB Legal Battle

22-06.04 **Public Question Period**

There was no public.

22-06.05 **Question Period for Students**

No students were present.

22-06.06 **Correspondence from Students**

No correspondence was received.

22-06.07 a) **Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held on May 18, 2022**

It was MOVED by C. Lavallee, SECONDED by J. Kilganan and unanimously RESOLVED; THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners held on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, be accepted with the following modification:

Item 17. **Adjournment**

The meeting was ADJOURNED at 7:35 p.m. on a motion by J.-A. Toulouse.

b) **Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting Held on June 3, 2022**

It was MOVED by A. Gosselin, SECONDED by D. Ford-Caron and RESOLVED; THAT the minutes of the special meeting of the Council of Commissioners held on Friday, June 3, 2022, be accepted as presented.

Commissioners D. Cornforth and J Rosenhek abstained from voting.

22-06.08 **Business Arising from the Minutes**

It was noted that Mr. Vincent Laliberté was nominated as the Secretary General for the Central Québec School Board.

22-06.09 **Report from the Chairman**

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

- QESBA Executive Committee Meeting – May 19
- QESBA Board Meeting – May 27
- QESBA Professional Development Session – May 27
- Lieutenant-Governor's Medal Ceremony – May 29
- CQSB Human Resources Committee – June 1

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Report from the Chairman (continued)

- QESBA Executive Committee Meeting – June 2
- Dollard-des-Ormeaux Graduation – June 2
- Special Meeting of the Council of Commissioners – June 3
- QESBA Executive Meeting with Dominique Anglade – June 6
- Agenda Meeting – June 8
- Independence Day Celebration – United States Consulate General – June 8
- QHS Graduation Ceremony – June 10

22-06.10

Director General's Report

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

- a) Update from Educational Services
- b) Bill 9 Update
- c) COVID-Related Absences
- d) Update from Buildings & Equipment – Construction Projects
- e) Information Technology Update
- f) Negotiations Update
- g) Hiring Update
- h) Labour Relations Committees
 - i. Senior Staff of Service – Directors, Coordinators and Management Staff
 - ii. Senior Staff of Schools and Centre – Principals
 - iii. Teachers
 - iv. Professionals
 - v. Support Staff

N. L'Heureux
left the meeting
at 7:45 p.m.

22-06.11

New Business

- a) By-Law Regarding the Day, Time and Place of Regular Meetings (adoption)

WHEREAS section 162 of the Education Act indicates that the Council of Commissioners must adopt a by-law concerning the day, time and place of its regular meetings;

WHEREAS section 392 of the Education Act stipulates that public notice must be given before the adoption of a by-law;

It was MOVED by C. Lavallee, SECONDED by F. Pedneault and unanimously RESOLVED; THAT pursuant to section 162 of the Education Act, the 2022–2023 school year regular meetings of the Council of Commissioners be held at 7 p.m. at the Board Office or by virtual means on the dates indicated below:

Wednesday, August 31, 2022, Wednesday, October 12, 2022, Wednesday, November 9, 2022, Wednesday, December 14, 2022, Wednesday, January 18, 2023, Wednesday, February 15, 2023, Wednesday, March 22, 2023, Wednesday, April 19, 2023, Wednesday, May 24, 2023, Wednesday, June 14, 2023.

New Business (continued)

b) Delegation of Authority for Summer Months (adoption)

WHEREAS it may be necessary for decisions to be made and documents signed during the summer months when no meetings of the Council of Commissioners are scheduled;

It was MOVED by J. Rosenhek, SECONDED by A. Gosselin and unanimously RESOLVED; THAT the Director General or the Assistant Director General, in collaboration with the Chairman or the Vice-Chairman, be authorized to make all necessary decisions during the summer months (June 16, 2022 – August 30, 2022); and

THAT the Director General or the Assistant Director General and the Chairman or the Vice-Chairman be authorized to sign all documents pertaining to contracts to be concluded during the summer months, within the adopted budget; and

THAT the Director General report to the Council of Commissioners at the August 31, 2022, meeting.

c) Modification to the CQSB Transportation Policy (adoption)

WHEREAS the Central Québec School Board's revised Transportation Policy was deposited for consultation purposes at the June 3, 2022, special meeting;

WHEREAS the Transport Advisory Committee has recommended changes to certain sections;

WHEREAS the appropriate consultation has taken place, and all agreed to the recommended changes;

It was MOVED by I. O'Gallagher, SECONDED by D. Cornforth and unanimously RESOLVED; THAT the revised sections of the Transport Policy be adopted as in **Appendix 1** to the minutes.

d) QESBA Membership Fees 2022–2023

WHEREAS English school boards are facing a threat to their existence with Bill 40;

WHEREAS the QESBA and its nine-member school boards have undertaken a legal challenge to the Constitutionality of Bill 40;

WHEREAS this legal challenge represents a significant disbursement of QESBA funds;

WHEREAS the QESBA per student membership fee has not been increased since 2004, eighteen years ago;

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New business (continued)

d) QESBA Membership Fees 2022-2023 (continued)

WHEREAS member boards receive an annual increase from the Ministry of Education;

WHEREAS had these membership fees been increased simply to keep pace with inflation during this eighteen-year period, they would have been \$11.92 today;

WHEREAS the current per student QESBA membership fee is limiting the ability of the Association to fulfill its mission and mandate;

It was MOVED by J. Rosenhek, SECONDED by D. Ford-Caron and unanimously RESOLVED; THAT the Council of Commissioners approves the \$11.00 per student QESBA membership fee for the 2022-2023 QESBA financial which begins on July 1st; and

THAT the Council of Commissioners authorizes the disbursement of the QESBA 2022-2023 membership fees on the following dates:

- 75% of the fees payable by July 1, 2022
- 25% of the fees payable by February 1, 2023

e) COSB – EMSB Legal Battle

After discussion on this item, It was MOVED by J.-A Toulouse, SECONDED by D. Ford-Caron and unanimously RESOLVED; THAT this item be tabled.

22-06.12

Committee Reports

a) Executive Committee

No meeting was held.

b) Parents' Committee

No meeting was held. The next meeting will be held on June 20, 2022.

c) Special Needs Advisory Committee

A meeting was held on May 31, 2022. J. Kilganan made a detailed report on the meeting.

d) Transport Advisory Committee

A meeting was held on May 24, 2022. C. Lavallee made a report on the meeting.

22-06.12 **Committee Reports (continued)**

e) Audit Committee

No meeting was held.

f) Evaluation of the Director General

No meeting was held.

g) Ethics and Governance Committee

No meeting was held.

h) Human Resources Committee

A meeting was held on June 1, 2022. No report was made.

i) Resource Allocation Committee

A meeting was held on May 25, 2022. A. Landry made a report on the meeting.

j) Ad Hoc Committee – Reorganization of Educational Services in the Greater Québec City Area Québec Project 2026

No meeting was held.

22-06.13 **Quebec English School Boards Association**

a) Report from the Board of Directors

Debbie Ford-Caron provided a report to the commissioners on the following items:

- Bill 9
- Bill 96
- Bill 40
- Bill 21
- Bill 49
- Fundraising
- QESBA Strategic Plan
- Professional Development

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held September 9, 2022.

b) Report from Committees

No report was made.

22-06.14 **Next meeting**

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 31, 2022.

22-06.15 **Question period**

a) Public

There were no questions.

b) Commissioners

C. Lavallee gives gratitude to the Director General and all the CQSB staff for the 2021–2022 school year. He mentions that Valcartier Elementary School has let go of their staff room to be able to make the kindergarten 4-year new class for the 2022–2023 school year, therefore, requests that additional space be requested for the school. Requests more money and funds for special needs students, that the services be identical as of the French School Board.

The Director General did advise that Mr. Stéphane Lagacé could make a presentation in the Fall concerning the differences between the French and English School Board.

J.-A. Toulouse advised the Council of Commissioners that June 21 is National Indigenous People Day, inviting them to participate in the various activities.

22-06.16 **In-camera session**

No in-camera session was held.

22-06.17 **Adjournment**

The meeting was ADJOURNED at 8:41 p.m. on a motion by D. Ford-Caron.

Stephen Pigeon
Director General

Stephen Burke
Chairman

Approved on August 31, 2022.