



Board of Trustees' Inaugural Board Meeting

A public meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, November 18, 2024, at 1st floor Board Room, Catholic Education Centre, 35 Weber Street, Kitchener.

Trustees Present:

Linda Cuff (Vice-Chair), Kathy Doherty-Masters, Winston Francis, David Guerin, Renee Kraft, Marisa Phillips*, Robert Sikora (Chair), Conrad Stanley, Tracey Weiler

*-attended virtually via Teams

Student Trustees Present:

Matteo Leone

Administrative Officials Present:

Tyrone Dowling, Gerald Foran, Shesh Maharaj, Judy Merkel, Kerry Pomfret, Jennifer Ritsma, Annalisa Varano

Special Resources For The Meeting:

Regrets: Allison-Hannah Berwick, Paul Mendonça

Recorder:

Stephanie Medeiros, Executive Administrative Assistant

NOTE ON VOTING: Under Board by-law 4.7 all Board decisions made by consensus are deemed the equivalent of a unanimous vote. A consensus decision is therefore deemed to be a vote of 9-0. Under Board by-law 4.11 every Trustee "shall vote on all questions on which the Trustee is entitled to vote" and abstentions are not permitted.

1. Call to Order:

The Secretary of the Board called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Opening Prayer & Memorials

Deacon Richard Olson led in prayer.

3. Territorial Acknowledgement

Territorial Acknowledgement declared by Secretary Dowling.

4. Roll Call

All Trustees were present.

5. Declaration and Signing of Oath of Allegiance

Trustees together made their declaration and signed the Oath of Allegiance.

6. Election of the Chair

The Secretary asked for nominations for Chair of the Board.

Trustee Phillips put forth Trustee Sikora's name.

The Secretary asked Trustee Sikora if he accepted the nomination, and he did.

The Secretary asked if there were further nominations for Chair of the Board three times.

Secretary Dowling requested a motion to nominate Trustee Sikora to be Chair of the Board.

2024-115 -- It was moved by Trustee Francis and seconded by Trustee Guerin:

THAT Robert Sikora is nominated to be the Chair of the Board of Trustees.

--- Motion carried by consensus

7. Inaugural Remarks by the Chair of the Board

Chair Sikora gave his inaugural remarks.

8. Election of the Vice-Chair of the Board

The Chair asked for nominations for Vice-Chair of the Board.

Trustee Phillips put forth Trustee Cuff's name.

The Chair asked Trustee Cuff if she accepted the nomination, and she did.

The Chair asked for nominations for Vice-Chair of the Board.

Trustee Kraft put forth Trustee Guerin's name.

The Chair asked Trustee Guerin if he accepted the nomination, and he did.

The Chair asked if there were further nominations for Vice-Chair of the Board three times.

Chair Sikora requested a show of hands for the election of Trustee Cuff.

Show of hands in favour: 4

Chair Sikora requested a show of hands for the election of Trustee Guerin.

Show of hands in favour: 4

Chair Sikora noted a tie and cast his vote for Trustee Cuff, resulting in a total of 5 votes. The majority was in favour of Trustee Cuff.

Chair Sikora requested a motion to nominate Trustee Cuff to be the Vice-chair of the Board.

2024-116 -- It was moved by Trustee Francis and seconded by Trustee Guerin:

THAT Linda Cuff is nominated to be Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees.

--- Motion carried by Majority

9. Inaugural Remarks by the Vice-Chair of the Board

Vice-Chair Cuff had no inaugural remarks.

10. Confirm Decisions

The recording secretary confirmed the decisions made tonight.

11. Closing Prayer and Motion to Adjourn

**2024-117-- It was moved by Trustee Cuff and seconded by Trustee Stanley:
THAT the meeting be now adjourned. The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 6:17 p.m.**



Chair of the Board



Secretary of the Board