

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE
ENGLISH MONTREAL SCHOOL BOARD

A Special Board Meeting of the English Montreal School Board has taken place on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. via Teams.

Commissioners Present

Mr. Joe Ortona, Chair
Ms. Maria Corsi, Commissioner
Ms. Chelsea Craig, Commissioner
Ms. Paula Kilian, Commissioner
Ms. Julie Kristof, Parent Commissioner
Mr. Pietro Mercuri, Commissioner
Ms. Sharon Nelson, Commissioner
Ms. Susan Perera, Commissioner
Mr. Mario Pietrangelo, Commissioner
Ms. Jennifer Rutt, Parent Commissioner
Ms. Paola Samuel, Commissioner

Commissioners Not Present

Mr. James Kromida, Vice-Chair
Mr. Julien Feldman, Commissioner
Ms. Jessica Houde-Woytiuk, Parent Commissioner
Ms. Merika Ramundo, Parent Commissioner

Administrators Present

Mr. Nicholas Katalifos, Director General
Ms. Pela Nickoletopoulos, Assistant Director General, Education
Mr. Jack Chadirdjian, Assistant Director General, Administration
Ms. Nathalie Lauzière, Secretary General
Ms. Brigida Sellato, Consultant, Secretariat General

1.	<p><u>Land Acknowledgement</u></p> <p>We/I would like to acknowledge that the English Montreal School Board is located on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Kanien'kehá:ka*. We are grateful to live, learn, and work in Tiohtiá:ke*, which has long been a site of meeting and exchange for many First Nations, and is currently home to diverse groups of Indigenous and other peoples.</p> <p>As a School Board, it is important that we acknowledge the historic and ongoing role of educational institutions in perpetuating injustices against Indigenous communities. We are committed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educating staff and students about the true history and current realities of the Indigenous Peoples of what we now call Canada. • Celebrating the cultures, contributions, and knowledge of the many First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities. • Listening to and amplifying Indigenous voices. • And partnering with local Indigenous community members. <p>We offer this acknowledgement as a first step and public commitment to our ongoing process towards reconciliation and justice for Indigenous peoples and communities.</p>
2.	<p><u>Confirmation of Notice of the Meeting</u></p> <p>The Secretary General, Me Nathalie Lauzière, confirmed that proper notice of this meeting was given.</p>
3.	<p><u>Approval of Agenda</u></p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY CHELSEA CRAIG AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved as presented.</p> <p>Vote: 10-0-0, Adopted. (Ms. P. Samuel not present for the vote)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 25-10-15-3</u></p>
	<p>Ms. Paola Samuel joined the meeting at 7:03 p.m.</p>
4.	<p><u>Question Period</u></p> <p>Questions from Mr. Chris Eustace were read and addressed by the Chair, Mr. Joe Ortona, regarding the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Follow-up questions during virtual meetings ➤ Public participation in Executive Committee meetings
5.	<p><u>Revised By-Law No. 1 (2025) – To Affix the Date, Time and Place of the Regular Meetings of the English Montreal School Board – Final Adoption</u></p> <p>WHEREAS in conformity with Section 162 of the Education Act requires that the Council of Commissioners must establish, by By-Law, the date, time and place of its Regular Board meetings;</p> <p>WHEREAS by virtue of Resolution #25-08-28-14.1, an amendment was made to Draft By-Law No. 1 (2025);</p> <p>WHEREAS in accordance with section 392 of the Education Act, public notice of 30 days has been given;</p>

	<p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. PIETRO MERCURI AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT final approval be given to the revised By-Law No. 1 (2025) – To affix the date, time and place of the Regular monthly meetings of the English Montreal School Board for the school session 2025-2026.</p> <p>Vote: 11-0-0, Adopted.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 25-10-15-5</u></p>
6.	<p><u>Revised By-Law No. 4 (2025) – To Affix the Date, Time and Place of the Regular Meetings of the Executive Committee of the English Montreal School Board – Final Adoption</u></p> <p>WHEREAS in conformity with Section 162 of the Education Act the Council of Commissioners must establish by By-Law, the date, time and place of its Regular meetings of the Executive Committee;</p> <p>WHEREAS by virtue of Resolution #25-08-28-14.1, an amendment was made to Draft By-Law No. 4 (2025);</p> <p>WHEREAS in accordance with Section 392 of the Education Act, public notice of 30 days has been given;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MS. SHARON NELSON AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT final approval be given to revised By-Law No. 4 (2025) – To affix the date, time and place of the Regular meetings of the Executive Committee of the English Montreal School Board for the school session 2025-2026.</p> <p>Vote: 11-0-0, Adopted.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 25-10-15-6</u></p>
7.	<p><u>Adjournment</u></p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MS. PAULA KILIAN AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:07 p.m.</p> <p>Vote: 11-0-0, Adopted.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 25-10-15-7</u></p>
	<p>Signed in Montreal, _____</p> <p>_____ Mr. Joe Ortona, Chair</p> <p>_____ Me Nathalie Lauzière, Secretary General</p>