

**YORK REGION DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD (YRDSB)
YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD (YCDSB)**

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SESSION
JOINT BOARD CONSORTIUM**

The Joint Board Consortium meeting was held electronically on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

YRDSB Trustees: L. Hoeg and N. Mahmood

YRDSB Staff: B. Cober and V. Maharaj

YCDSB Trustees: F. Alexander and J. DiMeo

YCDSB Staff: C. McNeil, T. Pechkovsky, J. Sarna and D. Scuglia

STSYR Staff: N. Smith

Presiding: YRDSB Trustee N. Mahmood

Recording Officer: L. Toniutti

Also in Attendance: YRDSB Trustees M. Chen and E. Cohen
YCDSB Trustees A. Grella, M. Iafrate and A. Saggese
YRDSB Administrative Assistant, Trustee Services S. Infanti
STSYR Administrative Assistant L. Toniutti

Absent: YRDSB Trustee R. Lynn

CALL TO ORDER

YRDSB Trustee N. Mahmood called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts were declared by trustees at this time.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved by common consent, as written.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no changes or objections to the May 10, 2023 minutes of the Joint Board Consortium (Public Session) meeting. The minutes were approved, as written.

BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising from the minutes of the May 10, 2023 meeting.

DECISION ITEMS

There were no decision items at this time.

INFORMATION ITEMS

September 2023 Start-Up Report

Student Transportation Services of York Region (STSYR) Manager, N. Smith provided Committee members with an update on the September 2023 Start-Up.

It was highlighted that the September 2023 Start-Up experienced many service successes despite the ongoing province-wide driver shortage, traffic and construction projects.

Despite initial services challenges in September, weekly on-time service delivery improved in terms of both the number of reported delays and their severity. On-time performance increased throughout the start-up period. STSYR staff continues to work with school bus and taxi vendors to identify and resolve concerns to ensure optimal service delivery for students of York Region.

Student Transportation Enhanced Ministry Reporting

STSYR Manager, N. Smith provided Committee members with an update on the Student Transportation Enhanced Ministry Report.

In April 2023, the Ministry of Education introduced changes and enhanced reporting requirements to the Student Transportation Grant which include:

- reports based on actual transportation;
- reports based on common reference standards; and
- financial reports.

Administration continues to review the revisions to the Student Transportation Framework and STSYR staff will develop internal processes to ensure all reporting requirements are met per the Ministry's guidelines.

ADJOURNMENT

Committee Chair N. Mahmood noted there was no further business and the Joint Board Consortium (Public Session) meeting was adjourned at 4:19 p.m.