

**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, May 8, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:**

YRDSB Trustees: L. Hoeg, E. Law, R. Lynn and N. Mahmood

YRDSB Staff: V. Maharaj and S. Infanti

YCDSB Trustees: F. Alexander, E. Crowe, J. Di Meo, A. Grella, M. Iafrate,  
A. Saggese and J. Wigston

YCDSB Staff: J. De Faveri, C. McNeil and T. Pechkovsky

STSYR Staff: N. Smith

Presiding: YCDSB Trustee J. Di Meo

Recording Officer: L. Toniutti

Regrets: N/A

Other Regrets: YCDSB Trustee C. Cotton  
YRDSB Trustees C. Butterworth, J. Chen and E. Cohen  
YRDSB Student Trustee L. Bates

**CALL TO ORDER**

YCDSB Co-Chair J. Di Meo called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved by common consent, as written.

**DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

No conflicts were declared by trustees at this time.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

There were no changes or objections to the March 6, 2024 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 March 6, 2024 meeting.

## **BOARD REPORTS**

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **STSYR Organization Structure**

STSYR Manager N. Smith provided an update on the organizational structure of the department. After a review due to several staffing changes, a restructured hierarchy which includes two Area Operations Supervisors will be in place by May 2024. The new organizational structure will enhance STSYR's capability to address the evolving student transportation environment in the province and continue to ensure safe, efficient and reliable service for students in York Region.

### **2024-2025 Transportation Budgets**

Manager Smith provided a report on the 2024-2025 budget preparations based on the following factors:

- STSYR organizational structure;
- the opening of two new YRDSB schools and one replacement school;
- program and boundary adjustments across both boards;
- increases in contracted rates;
- Ministry of Education requirements;
- fluctuations in fuel costs and taxi rates; and
- routing efficiencies.

N. Smith reviewed that each Board is responsible for approving their share of the operational expenses, while administration and overhead costs are evenly split between the boards on a 50/50 basis.

### **STSYR Terms of Reference**

N. Smith reported on the current Terms of Reference which outlines the structure, mandate and scope of the Joint Board Consortium. The Terms of Reference outline:

- the Consortium's mandate;
- Student Transportation Services of York Region's responsibilities;
- dispute resolution clauses;
- committee membership; and
- staff resources.

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Administration will review the Terms of Reference regularly on a three-year cycle.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Committee Co-Chair J. Di Meo noted there was no further business and the Joint Board Consortium (Public Session) meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.