



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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REVISED

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

11:45 am

PUBLIC MEETING

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5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES
6. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION
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 - e) Future Executive Meeting Items: N/A
 - f) Director's Items:
 - (i) 2025 Cardinal's Dinner – Wed, November 5, 2025 - \$225 pp
 - g) Chair's Items: N/A
 - h) Trustee Requests:
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7. ADJOURNMENT

God our Father,

May we live in Your Spirit
and may Your light
shine over us.
Touch our hearts and help us
understand the greatness of
what You call us to do.
Help us and free us so that
we are not bound by fear.
Your hand shall bring about
good for us and for all the
people around us.
Amen.



LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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lands and waters of all Indigenous
Peoples, who have left their
footprints on Mother Earth
before us.
We respectfully acknowledge,
those who have walked on it,
those who walk on it now,
and future generations
who have yet to walk upon it.
We pray to the Creator for strength
and wisdom that all may continue
to serve as stewards of the earth.*

PUBLIC MEETING

Minutes
Executive Committee Meeting
June 10, 2025

Chair: E. Crowe

Recorder: S. Greco

Present: E. Crowe, M. Iafrate, A. Saggese (Virtual), J. De Faveri, J. Sarna

Guest: N/A

Absent (with notice): N/A

TOPIC	SUBSTANCE/DECISIONS
Opening Prayer	Chair Crowe opened the meeting at 2:02 pm with a prayer, followed by the Land Acknowledgement.
Roll Call	All Present
Approval of the Agenda	June 10, 2025 - Public Executive Agenda approved as presented. Iafrate/Saggese - CARRIED
Previous Exec Minutes	May 20, 2025 - Public Executive Minutes were approved as presented. Iafrate/Saggese - CARRIED
Business Arising	Board Retirement Celebration - was discussed under Chair's Items
Presentation	N/A
Recognitions/Outside Presentations	The Executive Committee agreed on the following order of recognitions for the June 17th Board Meeting: - OFSAA, Barbarian Cup, Librissimi, Acknowledgement of Donations
Notices of Motion	N/A
Regular Board Meeting Agenda	The <i>draft Board Agenda</i> for June 17, 2025 was reviewed with the following changes: MOVE: 18d Math Achievement Action Plan to Action Item 16f
Policy Review Committee Agenda	The <i>draft Policy Review Committee Agenda</i> for June 16, 2025 was reviewed with no changes.
Future Board & Exec Cmte Meeting Requests	N/A
Director's Items	N/A
Chair's Items	Board Retirement Celebration The Executive Committee agreed that the Board Retirement Celebration will be held on Thursday, October 16, 2025. Venue TBD. A message will be sent to Trustees and Senior Administration.
Trustee Request	Technology and Skills Trade Centre Update (M. Iafrate) Item was not discussed as it was already on the June 17th Board Agenda as information Terms of Reference / By-Laws Update (M. Iafrate) Chair Crowe stated that updates have not yet been received from legal. We aim to present any resulting updates—stemming from Committee changes—at the August and September Board meetings.
Other	August Calendar – calendar was reviewed with no changes. List of Notices of Motions Outstanding to Date - No changes.
Next Executive Date	Wednesday, August 20, 2025 @ 3:00 pm
Adjournment	2:15 pm – Saggese/Iafrate CARRIED



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A MOTION TO RE-ESTABLISH CHRIST AS THE ONLY WAY, THE ONLY TRUTH, AND THE ONLY LIFE AND LIFESTYLE AT THE YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD (YCDSB)

- Whereas** The York Catholic District School Board is a Catholic institution founded in Christ;
- Whereas** Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life;
- Whereas** As followers of Christ we are to eschew all practices, doctrines and ideologies that are contrary to the teachings of Christ;
- Whereas** Certain ideologies, practices and doctrines which are popular with the world, but contrary to Christ's teachings are now practiced and spread in our classrooms;
- Whereas** Such ideologies, practices and doctrines are creating confusion among our students and endangering their souls;

LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Director of Education launch an investigation into secular practices in all our schools;
2. The investigation include a review of:
 - a. Artifacts
 - b. Fine arts – including (paintings, etchings, pictures, tapestries, etc.)
 - c. Literature
 - d. Publications
 - e. Belief systems and practices that are contrary to Christ's teachings
3. A list by school is produced, showing the items from 2. Above, being conducted at each school;
4. A plan be produced, no later than December 31, 2025, showing timelines by which the anti-Christian elements will be removed;

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5. The Religion Department work with the Conference of Catholic Bishops to create a training module for all educators;
6. The course be ready for March 31 2026;
7. The course includes guidelines for determining what ideologies, practices and doctrines are contrary to Christ's teachings;
8. The course be focused on The New Testament with emphasis on The Acts of the Apostles;
9. The course be specifically designed to combat secular ideologies and practices at YCDSB, as well as educate staff;
10. The course include:
 - a. A unit on how to study the Bible – to learn how to search for answers
 - b. Quizzes for each unit
 - c. A final written exam
11. The learning outcomes of the course include:
 - a. Who Christ is
 - b. What He stands for
 - c. His expectations of His followers
 - d. The Guidelines around His Way, His Truth and His Life
12. The course becomes a mandatory requirement for all Trustees and staff;
13. The guidelines and content of the course be made into Board Policy titled: "Jesus: The Way, The Truth and The Life"
14. The policy be the" Meta Policy" for operations decisions impacting our Faith.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Alexander
Trustee
Markham: Area 2: Wards 4, 5, 7, 8

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LUKE 4:18 SYMPOSIUM EVENT T-SHIRTS

- Whereas** the York Catholic District School Board is a Catholic school board committed to the teachings of our faith;
- Whereas** our students are actively engaged in faith formation and witness through various initiatives of social justice;
- Whereas** each elementary school in the Board has a Luke 4:18 Committee, open to all students;
- Whereas** students involved in Luke 4:18 participate in a biennial symposium at the Catholic Education Centre (CEC), and traditionally purchase and wear t-shirts for this event.

LET IT BE RESOLVED

THAT moving forward, all Luke 4:18 activity fees, including the cost of symposium t-shirts, be covered through the CEC's School Uniform Commissions, and that all participating students receive a t-shirt at no cost to them.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Iafrate
Trustee, Richmond Hill

Angela Saggese
Trustee, Vaughan: Area 1, Ward 1

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RELOCATION OF GRADE 9 STUDENTS FROM ST. THERESA OF LISIEUX CHS

- Whereas** St. Theresa of Lisieux Catholic High School (STL) is overpopulated, resulting in overcrowding in the cafeteria;
- Whereas** to relieve pressure on students and staff, consideration has been given to relocating Grade 9 students to a building located a few hundred feet from the STL campus;
- Whereas** Father Henri Nouwen Catholic Elementary School (FHN) is experiencing declining enrolment, with several classrooms currently mothballed;
- Whereas** FHN students could be relocated to St. Mary Immaculate or St. Marguerite d'Youville Catholic Elementary School, while still allowing graduating students to attend STL. Transportation may be provided;
- Whereas** staff could contact the Ministry of Education to explore the feasibility and potential supports for such relocations;

LET IT BE RESOLVED

THAT staff prepare and bring a report to the Board outlining the feasibility of relocating Grade 9 students from STL to an adjacent building, including potential impacts, costs, timelines, and Ministry approvals required.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Iafrate
Trustee, Richmond Hill

Joseph DiMeo
Trustee, Richmond Hill

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RECOVERY OF TAXPAYERS DOLLARS

- Whereas** the YCDSB is in debt for over ten million dollars;
- Whereas** the YCDSB has cut programming for students;
- Whereas** the Board of Trustees all signed a Code of Ethics;
1. I will act with integrity and work to ensure that all business of the Board is conducted with openness, fiscal accountability and compassion.
 2. I will report to the Board alleged breaches, frauds, improprieties and/or conflicts which come to my attention.
- Whereas** the YCDSB are to be financially responsible with the Catholic ratepayer's money.

LET IT BE RESOLVED:

THAT the Board of Trustees recover all tax dollars that were wasted on the Judicial Review and put back into the classrooms.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa McNicol

Reference No. 2025:10:0820:TM



YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

7:30 p.m.

Catholic Education Centre

320 Bloomington Rd. West, Aurora, ON. L4G 0M1

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7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S):
 - 7.a Special Board Meeting of June 16, 2025
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8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
9. CHAIR'S REPORT / UPDATE / INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGES
 - 9.a Commissioning of Student Trustee and Senior Administration
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11. DIRECTOR'S REPORT / UPDATE
12. STUDENT TRUSTEES' REPORT
13. RECOGNITIONS / OUTSIDE PRESENTATIONS
14. DELEGATIONS
15. JOURNEY TOWARDS OUR VISION – STAFF PRESENTATIONS
16. ACTION ITEM(S) (including Committee Reports)
 - 16.a Approval of Report No. 2025:22 Committee of the Whole (Aug 26)
17. DISCUSSION ITEM(S)
18. INFORMATION ITEM(S)

Maria Iafrate

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| 18.a | Policy 203 Student Transportation Director's Exemptions | Giovanna De Girolamo |
| 18.b | EV Transition – Maintenance Fleet Upgrade | Khaled Elgharbawy |
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| 18.f | Audit Committee (Public) - Annual Report | |
| 18.g | September 2025 Calendar | |

19. NOTICES OF MOTION

20. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S) / REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

21. PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

22. ADJOURNMENT

Next Regular Board Meeting

In a similar way as OCSTA provides a provincial forum for Catholic School Trustees to gather, learn and pray together, the CCSTA AGM provides that opportunity on a national scale. Trustee Cotton and Trustee Wigston represented the YCDSB at the 2025 CCSTA conference this past June.

The CCSTA represents seven Catholic school associations across ten Canadian provinces and territories with the primary goal of protecting, supporting and promoting the mission of Canadian Catholic education for years to come. The organization partners with the Canadian Catholic Conference of Bishops, clergy, parents and politicians to build awareness and foster unified support of Canada's Catholic schools.

Trustees attending a CCSTA conference connect with and learn from their national colleagues while participating in a multitude of professional learning opportunities. We found the following key benefits from attending the 2025 national conference:

1. Broadening perspectives and gaining insights on successful Catholic school systems, challenges and best practices on a national scale.

Through facilitated discussions, workshops and resources we were able to:

- explore similarities and responses related to challenging legislative changes
- understand the progressive steps which led to losing denominational rights to Catholic education in other provinces, reflect upon the political, religious, social and legal factors which contributed to the loss and discuss ways to prevent this occurrence in other provinces
- be introduced to best practices to strengthen the home/school/parish relationship and to exemplify Catholic learning/teaching in our schools

2. Opportunities for personal professional development/ new learning pertinent to our governance role.

Although there were several, one workshop that stood out this year was a presentation on how AI can help staff/teachers better serve the needs of students. We were inspired by the exciting content to look at YCDSB with a critical lens and discuss with other provincial trustees ways to implement these ideas with a distinctly Catholic approach in our own boards. We will be sharing these concepts with the Director and our curriculum department!

3. Developing a better understanding of Catholic Leadership.

- frequent opportunities to pray, contemplate scripture and reflect helped us to nurture our personal faith formation which in turn helps us to grow in our ability to serve the Catholic students, families, staff and communities in York
- it was a unique benefit to experience many presentations/workshops facilitated by members of the clergy which also led to a better understanding of the differing roles played by the clergy in other Catholic systems across the country and ways we might strengthen our Ontario relationships

A prime example of how these three key areas of focus were brought together at this year's CCSTA AGM was the workshop entitled "Transformational Leadership for a Mission-Driven Approach in Catholic Schools". We were challenged to create Catholic schools that were more than academic institutions... that were sanctuaries where faith, values and learning all intersect and intertwine. Participants were invited to understand the goals of diocesan renewal and how Catholic Trustees can help to empower students to make the mission tangible.

For more information on CCSTA or to subscribe to their newsletter please visit ccsta.ca. Also, if anyone is interested in viewing the slides from presentations, please let Trustee Wigston or Trustee Cotton know, and we can provide them.

SEPTEMBER 2025

TRUSTEE SERVICES



St. Peter's Basilica
Monthly Virtue: Courage

October 2025

Oct 1—Director's Council
 Oct 4—St. Robert CHS 50th Anniversary
 Oct 7—Policy Review 6:30 pm
 Oct 13—Thanksgiving—HOLIDAY
 Oct 15—Joint Board 4pm
 Oct 15—HRC 5pm
 Oct 20—SEAC 6:30 pm
 Oct 21—Executive 3pm (Public)
 Oct 21—Executive 4pm (Private)
 Oct 21—Corp Services Public 6:30 pm
 Oct 21—Corp Services Private 7:30 pm
 Oct 23-25 —WFMP
 Oct 24—PA Day—E/S
 Oct 27—Student Success & Pathways 6:30 pm
 Oct 28—Committee of the Whole 6:30 pm
 Oct 28—Regular Board 7:30 pm

November 2025

Nov 1—All Saints Day
 Nov 2—All Souls Day
 Nov 5—Take Our Kids to Work Day
 Nov 10—SEAC 7pm
 Nov 11—Remembrance Day
 Nov 11—Audit (Private) 6:30 pm
 Nov 11—Audit (Public) 7:30 pm
 Nov 12—Director's Council
 Nov 17—Inaugural Mass 6:00 pm
 Nov 17—Inaugural Board Meeting 7:00 pm
 Nov 18—Executive 3pm (Public)
 Nov 18—Executive 4pm (Private)
 Nov 21—PA Day—E/S
 Nov 24—YCPIC 6:30 pm
 Nov 25—Committee of the Whole 6:30 pm
 Nov 25—Regular Board 7:30 pm
 Nov 27—St. Charles Garnier CES
 50th Anniversary

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
	1 LABOUR DAY	2 First Day of School	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Director's Council	11	12	13
14	15 7pm SEAC	16	17	18	19 8:45 am S.A.L.	20
21	22 6:30pm YCPIC	23 3pm Exec—Public 4pm Exec—Private	24 9:30 am OCSTA Fall Regional Mtg 6:30 pm—Audit (Public) 7:30 pm—Audit (Private)	25	26 PA Day E/S	27
28	29	30 National Day of Truth & Reconciliation Orange Shirt Day 6:30 pm CTW 7:30 pm Regular Board				



DATE / MEETING	NOTICES OF MOTION
2024:04:0916:MI	NOTICE OF MOTION: Obligations Relating to Public Funds Spending or Obligation to Protect Public Funds (M. Iafrate)
	THAT the practice of calculating mileage using any method other than the TRIP program stop immediately; THAT a report is brought to the Board of Trustees at its October 2023 Board meeting to include the following: - Background on the TRIP program including its implementation date and the process used before its implementation; - A list of all Trustees that have been using a process other than the TRIP, for mileage reimbursement, and how long this alternate mileage calculation has been used for those Trustees in question; - A detailed summary of all reimbursements made to Trustees using "an alternate mileage calculation process" other than TRIP and how long this alternate process have been used; - A summary of the calculation of how much the mileage reimbursement would have been had Policy 111 been followed and the TRIP program calculation been used; - An explanation of the process used when staff are asked to deviate from any Board policy for the payment of expenses of any sort for staff or Trustees. THAT all monies in excess of the monies that would have been received by Trustees had they used the TRIP process be immediately reimbursed to ensure public confidence in the process is restored.
NOTICE OF MOTION	September 26, 2023 Regular Board Meeting
INFORMATION	October 30, 2023 Regular Board Meeting
DISCUSSION	November 28, 2023 Regular Board Meeting
ACTION	1/30/2024 - Motion Deferred to March Board Meeting
2025:01:1119:EC, MI	NOTICE OF MOTION: Audit of YCDSB Purchasing Credit Cards (PCards) (E. Crowe, M. Iafrate)
	THAT an outside accounting firm be hired to perform a full audit of PCards not included in the RIAT audit, including a review of any controls currently in place; THAT the review include recommendations for any changes in policy and/or procedure needed to ensure transparency, accountability and compliance; THAT the review include a recommendation on whether or not the number of PCards in the system should be reduced; THAT once the recommendations are implemented, training for proper usage of PCards take place once a year with all holders.
NOTICE OF MOTION	November 18, 2024 - Executive Committee
INFORMATION	November 26, 2024 Regular Board Meeting
DISCUSSION	December 17, 2024 Regular Board Meeting January 28, 2025 Regular Board Meeting
ACTION	Motion put into abeyance at Executive Meeting of Feb 18, 2025
2025:04:6017:TMc	NOTICE OF MOTION: Harassment & Bullying (T. McNicol)
	THAT the Board of Trustees do an investigation into the harassment and bullying.
NOTICE OF MOTION	June 17, 2025 - Regular Board Meeting
INFORMATION	August 26, 2025 Regular Board Meeting
DISCUSSION	
ACTION	
2025:05:6017:TMc	NOTICE OF MOTION: Formal Letter to the Families of East Gwillimbury/Georgina/Newmarket (T. McNicol)
	THAT the Board of Trustees issue a letter to the community of East Gwillimbury/Georgina/Newmarket regarding the results of Trustee McNicol's Judicial Review.
NOTICE OF MOTION	June 17, 2025 - Regular Board Meeting
INFORMATION	August 26, 2025 Regular Board Meeting
DISCUSSION	
ACTION	