

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Held in Person on Thursday, April 23, 2026 at
Central Office, 1018 1 Ave, Wainwright, AB

ADMINISTRATION IN ATTENDANCE

Jim Taplin - Superintendent
Kelly Ehalt – Deputy Superintendent
Michele Revoy – Director of Teaching
Quality & Staff Development
Mary Ann Threinen – Secretary-Treasurer
Liberty Stafford – Assistant Superintendent
of Faith and Educational Services
Jessica Knight – Board Executive Secretary
& PowerSchool Lead

ATTENDED

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TRUSTEES IN ATTENDANCE

Derek Collins - Chair
Marlyn Charlebois – Vice Chair
Carolyn Fetaz
Angelique Peeters
Ryan Bolin
Rebecca Scherger
Noel Wirachowsky
Alan Rogan

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1. OPENING PRAYER

Opening Prayer – Trustee A. Rogan
Next meeting (May) – Trustee R. Bolin

2. TREATY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chair D. Collins

3. CALL TO ORDER

Chair D. Collins commenced the meeting at 4:05 pm.

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2026-025:

*Trustee M. Charlebois moved to approve the agenda for the April 23, 2026, board meeting as amended.
Motion carried.*

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2026-026:

*Trustee A. Peeters moved to approve the Minutes of the March 26, 2026, Regular Board Meeting as circulated.
Motion carried.*

6. BOARD FAITH FORMATION

Assistant Superintendent of Faith and Educational Services, Liberty Stafford, lead the trustees in the faith reflection this month.

7. REVIEW BOARD ANNUAL WORK PLAN

If there are any items, the trustees would like to add they are able to add them.

8. BOARD BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was no board business arising from previous minutes.

9. ACTION ITEMS

9.1 Theresetta School National Trip to Toronto

The board provided approval in principle for the Theresetta Catholic School Toronto field trip under motion 2025-042. In accordance with Administrative Procedure 319 – Field Trips, Excursions, National and

International Tours, the Superintendent has reviewed all required documentation and has granted final approval for the trip to proceed.

9.2 Bill 25: An Act to Remove Politics and Ideology from Classrooms and Amend the Education Act, 2026

On March 31, 2026, the Government of Alberta introduced Bill 25: An Act to Remove Politics and Ideology from Classrooms and Amend the Education Act, 2026. The bill proposes amendments to the Education Act to strengthen neutrality, impartiality, accountability, and transparency in Alberta's education system. If passed, most changes are anticipated to come into force upon proclamation on September 1, 2026, with implementation effective for the 2026–27 school year.

9.3 Letter to Town of Wainwright School Zone Speed Limit

The Board Chair sent a letter of support to the Town of Wainwright for their proposal to reduce speed limits in all school and playground zones to 30km/hr, from 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM, seven days a week, year round, with implementation proposed for September 1, 2026.

9.4 Town of Wainwright Joint Use Agreement

A Joint Use and Planning Agreement between the Town of Wainwright and ECACS was provided for the trustees to review. The secretary-treasurer and trustees brought forward some articles of the agreement that need to be reviewed by the Town of Wainwright. The Secretary-Treasurer mentioned the town is going to revise the agreement so it is between all three school divisions instead of just ECACS.

Motion 2026-027:

Trustee R. Bolin moved to approve entering into a Joint Use and Planning Agreement with the Town of Wainwright. Motion carried.

9.5 Facility Tour Schedule

The Senior Administration and Trustees will complete a tour of each of the school facilities. Trustees C. Fetaz, A. Rogan, R. Scherger, and R. Bolin will tour Theresetta School and Christ-King Catholic School on April 27. Trustees C. Fetaz, A. Rogan and R. Scherger will tour St. Jerome's School and School of Hope on April 28. Trustees A. Rogan, R. Scherger and M. Charlebois will tour Blessed Sacrament School, Blessed Sacrament Outreach and St. Thomas Aquinas School on April 29.

9.6 May Board Meeting

2026-028:

Trustee N. Wirachowsky moved to change the date of the May board meeting to May 28, 2026. Motion carried.

10. TRUSTEE INFORMATION ITEMS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1 ASBA Representative

Chair D. Collins report was provided in-camera

10.2 ACSTA Representative

The Director's report was provided for In-Camera.

10.3 Negotiations

Nothing to report at this time.

10.4 GrACE Committee

The GrACE newsletter was provided for the trustees to review.

10.5 Rural Caucus

There was nothing to report at this time.

10.6 Transportation

There was nothing to report at this time.

11. POLICY REVIEW

Trustees reviewed Policy 1 – Foundation Statements and provided feedback by March 13, 2026. The Policy was amended based on the feedback provided. Trustees reviewed Policy 2 – Role of the Board and provided feedback by April 10, 2026.

2026-029:

Trustee M. Charlebois moved to add the third reading of Policy 1 as item 11.1 on the agenda. Motion carried.

2026-030:

Trustee A. Peeters moved to approve the third reading of Policy 1 – Foundation Statements as amended. Motion carried.

2026-031:

Trustee M. Charlebois moved to approve the first reading of Policy 2 – Role of the Board as amended. Motion carried.

2026-032:

Trustee A. Peeters moved to approve the second reading of Policy 2 – Role of the Board as amended. Motion carried.

12. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

12.1 Indigenous Culture and Program Facilitator

An Indigenous Culture and Program Facilitator report was provided for the trustees to review.

12.2 Dual Credit

A Dual Credit report was provided for the trustees to review.

12.3 Director of Teaching Quality and Staff Development

The Director of Teaching Quality and Staff Development provided a report for the trustees to review.

12.4 Assistant Superintendent of Faith and Educational Services

The Assistant Superintendent provided a report for the trustees to review.

12.5 Deputy Superintendent

The Deputy Superintendent provided a report for the trustees to review.

12.6 Secretary-Treasurer

The Secretary-Treasurer provided a report for the trustees to review.

12.7 Superintendent

The Superintendent provided a report for the trustees to review.

13. IN-CAMERA MEETING

2026-033:

Trustee A. Rogan moved to go in-camera at 5:34 pm. Motion carried.

2026-034:

Trustee A. Rogan moved to come out of in-camera at 6:08 pm. Motion carried.

2026-035:

Trustee R. Bolin moved to go in-camera at 6:41 pm. Motion carried.

2026-036:

Trustee N. Wirachowsky moved to come out of in-camera at 8:10 pm. Motion carried.

14. MOTIONS COMING OUT OF IN-CAMERA

There were no motions coming out of in-camera.

15. TRUSTEE ROUND TABLE

Chair D. Collins asked each trustee to share a challenge and a celebration.

16. CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT

Closing Prayer – Trustee A. Rogan

Next Meeting (May) – Trustee R. Bolin

Chair D. Collins adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.

SIGNATURE OF CHAIR

**SIGNATURE OF BOARD EXECUTIVE SECRETARY &
POWERSCHOOL LEAD**