East Central Catholic Schools

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
Held in Person on Thursday, September 24, 2026 at
Central Office, 1018 1 Ave, Wainwright, AB

| ADMINISTRATION IN ATTENDANCE | ATTENDED |
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| Jim Taplin - Superintendent | In Person |
| Kelly Ehalt – Deputy Superintendent | In Person |
| Mary Ann Threinen – Secretary-Treasurer | In Person |
| Liberty Stafford – Assistant Superintendent of Faith and Educational Services | In Person |
| Jessica Knight – Board Executive Secretary & PowerSchool Lead | In Person |

| TRUSTEES IN ATTENDANCE | ATTENDED |
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| Derek Collins - Chair | In Person |
| Marlyn Charlebois – Vice Chair | In Person |
| Carolyn Fetaz | In Person |
| Angelique Peeters | In Person |
| Ryan Bolin | In Person |
| Rebecca Scherger | In Person |
| Noel Wirachowsky | In Person |
| Alan Rogan | In Person |

## 1. OPENING PRAYER

Opening Prayer – Trustee R. Bolin
Next meeting (October) – Trustee R. Scherger

## 2. TREATY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chair D. Collins

## 3. CALL TO ORDER

Chair D. Collins commenced the meeting at 4:07 pm.

## 4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

**2026-073:**
*Trustee N. Wirachowsky moved to approve the agenda for the September24, 2026, board meeting as circulated. Motion carried.*

## 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**2026-074:**
*Trustee M. Charlebois moved to approve the Minutes of the August 20, 2026, Organizational Board Meeting as presented. Motion carried.*

**2026-075:**
*Trustee A. Rogan moved to approve the Minutes of the August 20, 2026, Regular Board Meeting as presented. Motion carried.*

## 6. BOARD FAITH FORMATION

Assistant Superintendent of Faith and Educational Services, Liberty Stafford, provided the trustees with a 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 The Archbishop's Dinner

The Division has reserved two tables for the Archbishops Dinner

### 9.2 Letter from MLA Edmonton-Strathcona

The division received a welcome back letter from Naheed Nenshi MLA for Edmonton-Strathcona.

### 9.3 Memorandum of Understanding – Elk Island Catholic School Division

**2026-076:**

*Trustee A. Rogan moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Elk Island Catholic Separate School Division and East Central Alberta Catholic Separate School Division for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented. Motion carried.*

### 9.4 St. Thomas Aquinas School Van Request

**2026-077:**

*Trustee M. Charlebois moved that the Board of Trustees receive the St. Thomas Aquinas Vehicle Partnership Request report as information and to explore a partnership in the 2027-2028 budget cycle. Motion carried.*

## 10. TRUSTEE INFORMATION ITEMS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 10.1 ASBA Representative

The Zone 2/3 meeting will be held on September 25, 2026**.**

### 10.2 ACSTA Representative

The ACSTA director shared a report with the trustees.

**2026-078:**

*Trustee C. Fetaz moved to make a silent auction donation on behalf of the board for the Toonies to Tuition auction. Motion carried.*

### 10.3 Negotiations

There was nothing to report at this time.

### 10.4 GrACE Committee

There was nothing to report at this time.

### 10.5 Rural Caucus

There will be a meeting in November.

### 10.6 Transportation

There was nothing to report at this time.

## 11. POLICY REVIEW

Policy 4 was added to the agenda and was amended to align with Bill 25 which will be added to the education act. The trustees will table this until the November board meeting. Policy 5 will be added to the October board meeting.

**2026-079:**

*Trustee A. Rogan moved to table the review and approval of Policy 4 until the November board meeting. Motion carried.*

## 12. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

### 12.1 Assistant Superintendent of Faith and Educational Services

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

### 12.2 Deputy Superintendent

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

### 12.3 Secretary-Treasurer

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

### 12.4 Superintendent

The Superintendent provided a report for the trustees to review.

## 13. IN-CAMERA MEETING

**2026-080:**

*Trustee N. Wirachowsky moved to go in-camera at 7:05 pm. Motion carried.*

**2026-081:**

*Trustee R. Scherger moved to come out of in-camera at 8:38 pm. Motion carried.*

## 14. MOTIONS COMING OUT OF IN-CAMERA

**2026-082:**

*Trustee R. Bolin moved that the Board of Trustees approved the mandatory vacation scheduling for twelve-month support staff employees with mandatory winter and summer closures at School of Hope, Christ- King School, and Blessed Sacrament School for the 2026–2027 school year. Motion carried.*

**2026-082:**

*Trustee A. Rogan moved to increase the salary of the Superintendent by $15,834. Motion carried.*

## 15. TRUSTEE ROUND TABLE

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

## 16. CLOSING PRARYER AND ADJOURNMENT

Closing Prayer – R. Bolin
Next Meeting (October) – Trustee R. Scherger

Chair D. Collins adjourned the meeting at 8:55 pm.

**SIGNATURE OF CHAIR**

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