



### Minutes of proceedings of a special meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the New Frontiers School Board

held in the Staff Lounge at the New Frontiers School Board Offices, 214 McLeod, Chateauguay, Quebec, on **Tuesday, May 20, 2025**, at 20:00 hours and at which the following commissioners were present, representing quorum of the Council of Commissioners:

- John Ryan, Chair
- Raymond Ledoux, Vice-Chair, Electoral Division #1
- Karin Van Droffelaar, Electoral Division #2
- Lina Chouinard, Electoral Division #3, on Teams
- Kenneth Crockett, Electoral Division #4
- Anne-Marie Yelle, Electoral Division #6
- Dianne Eastwood, Electoral Division #7
- Peter Stuckey, Electoral Division #8
- Barbara Ednie, Electoral Division #9, on Teams
- Connor Stacey, Electoral Division #10
- Lorne Ferguson, Commissioner representing Parents, Elementary Level
- Kenneth Bernard, Commissioner representing Parents, Secondary Level
- Jennifer Largan, Commissioner representing Parents at Large

#### Absent with regrets:

- Cristian Espinosa-Fuentes, Electoral Division #5
- Brenda Bourdeau, Commissioner representing the Special Needs Advisory Committee

#### Also in attendance:

- Mike Helm, Director General
- Joyce Donohue, Assistant Director General & Secretary General
- Kara Johnstone, Director of Systems & Information Technology
- Joanne Malowany, Director of Educational Services
- Cuthbert McIntyre, Director of Human Resources
- Terence Savoie, Director of Financial Services, interim Director of Material Resources and New Frontiers Administrators' Association Representative
- Kara-Lee Woods, Centre Director, CVCEC and HAECC
- Bonnie Gilmour, President, SEPB Local 576, on Teams

#### Call to Order & Opening Remarks

The Chair opened this 356<sup>th</sup> meeting at 20:03 hours and welcomed members, acknowledging Terry Savoie as the NFAA representative.

#### Confirmation of Compliance – Calling of a Special Meeting

The Secretary General confirmed that this special meeting was called in conformity with the requirements of the Education Act.

#### Recognition Statement by Chair J. Ryan

*We acknowledge that we meet tonight on the ancestral lands the Mohawk nation. We do so with a commitment to improve understanding of the rich history and culture of our indigenous neighbours. We make these land acknowledgments with the understanding that some may hear them and question why we do them or why we do them with such frequency. The fact that these questions are raised indicates that this exercise is working and causing us to engage in conversations. That is a good thing.*

#### Declaration of Conflict

There were no declarations of conflict made relative to tonight's agenda items.

#### Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted as presented on a motion by Commissioner J. Largan.

**MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

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### **Public Question Period**

There were no questions from members of the public.

### **Chair's Remarks**

The Chair provided brief remarks on the success of Spring Conference, indicating that a report on the conference would be provided at the next Council meeting.

### **Director General's Report**

The Director General provided the following updates: Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences' grant of \$15,000 towards CVR's music program following an application submitted by Mrs. Lynn Harper; tour of schools for Commissioners; the Student Coalition's vernissage which took place earlier that day; and administrative appointments.

### **Second Public Question Period**

There were no questions from members of the public.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 20:17 hours on a motion by Commissioner L. Chouinard.

**MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

John Ryan  
Chair

Joyce Donohue  
Secretary General