

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
ENGLISH MONTREAL SCHOOL BOARD

A Special Board Meeting of the English Montreal School Board has taken place on Monday, April 4, 2022, at 6:00 P.M. Via Teams, in Montreal.

Commissioners Present

Me Joe Ortona, Chair  
Mr. Agostino Cannavino, Vice-Chair  
Mr. Mario Bentrovato, Commissioner  
Ms. Maria Corsi, Parent Commissioner  
Ms. Sophie De Vito, Commissioner  
Mr. Julien Feldman, Commissioner  
Ms. Ellie Israel, Commissioner – Joined the meeting at 6:05 p.m.  
Mr. James Kromida, Commissioner – Joined the meeting at 6:10 p.m.  
Mr. Pietro Mercuri, Commissioner  
Ms. Mubeenah Mughal, Parent Commissioner – Joined the meeting at 6:27 p.m.  
Mr. Mario Pietrangelo, Commissioner  
Mr. Tony Speranza, Parent Commissioner  
Mr. Daniel Tatone, Parent Commissioner

Commissioners Not Present

Mr. Jamie Fabian, Commissioner  
Mr. Joseph Lalla, Commissioner

Administrators Present:

Mr. Nicholas Katalifos, Director General  
Mr. Jack Chadirdjian, Assistant Director General, Administration Division  
Ms. Pelagia Nickoletopoulos, Assistant Director General, Education Division  
Me Nathalie Lauzière, Secretary General  
  
Ms. Brigida Sellato, Consultant, Secretariat General

1. Confirmation of Proper Notice of the Meeting

Me Nathalie Lauzière confirmed that proper notice of this meeting was given.

2.	<p><u>Adoption of the Agenda</u></p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. PIETRO MERCURI AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved, as presented.</p> <p>Vote: 10-0-0, Adopted (Ms. Ellie Israel, Mr. James Kromida and Ms. Mubeenah Mughal not present for the vote)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 22-04-04-2</u></p>
	<p>Ms. Ellie Israel joined the meeting at 6:05 p.m.</p>
3.	<p><u>3.1 Motion to Move In Camera</u></p> <p>On a motion by Mr. Pietro Mercuri at 6:06 p.m. the meeting moved In Camera.</p> <p>Vote: 11-0-0, Adopted (Mr. James Kromida and Ms. Mubeenah Mughal not present for the vote)</p>
	<p>Mr. James Kromida joined the meeting at 6:10 p.m.</p>
	<p>Ms. Mubeenah Mughal joined the meeting at 6:27 p.m.</p>
	<p>On a motion by Mr. Daniel Tatone at 6:33 p.m. the meeting returned from In Camera.</p> <p>Vote: 13-0-0, Adopted</p>
4.	<p><u>Adoption of Resolutions from In Camera</u></p> <p><u>3.2.1 Creation of an Ad Hoc Committee to review decisions – Nomination of Chair</u></p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> a parent complaint was submitted for the reconsideration of decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Complaint of March 17, 2022, and underlying complaints;</li> </ul> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> in accordance with section 7 of EMSB <i>By-Law no. 8 on Complaint Examination Procedure</i>, an Ad Hoc Committee must be established to examine the Complaints;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> in accordance with section 7.3 (b) of <i>By-Law no. 8 on Complaint Examination Procedure</i>, the Chair of this Ad Hoc Committee must be a Parent Commissioner;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The Council of Commissioners proceeded with the nomination of Chair:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Mr. Daniel Tatone nominates Ms. Mubeenah Mughal, who accepted the nomination;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">There were no other nominations or self-nominations;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">On a motion by Ms. Maria Corsi the nominations ceased, all were in favor.</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. DANIEL TATONE AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT there be created an Ad Hoc Committee to review decisions regarding a parent complaint dated March 17, 2022 and underlying complaints;</p>

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT in accordance with section 7.3 (b) of *By-Law no. 8 on Complaint Examination Procedure*, the appointed Chair of this Ad Hoc Committee is Ms. Mubeenah Mughal, Parent Commissioner;

IT WAS STILL FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Chair of this Committee shall remit a final report and recommendations to the Council of Commissioners by April 29, 2022;

IT WAS STILL FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the minutes or notes of the meetings that will be taken by the Members of the Ad Hoc Committee are confidential and to be distributed only to the Members of Council, in order to render a final decision.

Vote: 13-0-0, Adopted

Resolution # 22-04-04-3.2.1

3.2.2 Creation of an Ad Hoc Committee to review decisions – Nomination of Members

**WHEREAS** a parent complaint was submitted for the reconsideration of decisions:

- Complaint of March 17, 2022, and underlying complaints;

**WHEREAS** in accordance with section 7 of EMSB *By-Law no. 8 on Complaint Examination Procedure*, an Ad Hoc Committee must be established to examine the Complaints;

**WHEREAS** several members of the Council of Commissioners have agreed to sit on the aforementioned Committee;

The Council of Commissioners proceeded with the nomination of Members:

Mr. Pietro Mercuri self-nominated;

Mr. Daniel Tatone self-nominated;

There were no other nominations or self-nominations;

On a motion by Mr. Julien Feldman the nominations ceased, all were in favor.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JOE ORTONA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT there be created an Ad Hoc Committee to review decisions regarding a parent complaint dated March 17, 2022 and underlying complaints;

IT WAS FURTHER UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT in accordance with section 7.3 (b) of *By-Law no. 8 on Complaint Examination Procedure*, this Ad Hoc Committee be composed of three (3) of the following members of the Council of Commissioners:

Ms. Mubeenah Mughal, Chair

Mr. Pietro Mercuri

Mr. Daniel Tatone

IT WAS STILL FURTHER UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Committee shall remit its final reports and recommendations to the Council of Commissioners by April 29, 2022;

IT WAS STILL FURTHER UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the minutes or notes of the meetings that will be taken by the Members of the Ad Hoc Committee are confidential and to be distributed only to the Members of Council, in order to render a final decision.

Vote: 13-0-0, Adopted

Resolution # 22-04-04-3.2.2

### 3.3.1 Creation of an Ad Hoc Committee to review a decision – Nomination of Chair

**WHEREAS** a parent complaint was submitted on March 30, 2022, for the reconsideration of a decision;

**WHEREAS** in accordance with section 7 of EMSB *By-Law no. 8 on Complaint Examination Procedure*, an Ad Hoc Committee must be established to examine the Complaint;

**WHEREAS** in accordance with section 7.3 (b) of *By-Law no. 8 on Complaint Examination Procedure*, the Chair of this Ad Hoc Committee must be a Parent Commissioner;

The Council of Commissioners proceeded with the nomination of Chair:

Mr. Tony Speranza self-nominated;

There were no other nominations or self-nominations;

On a motion by Mr. Agostino Cannavino the nominations ceased.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JOE ORTONA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT there be created an Ad Hoc Committee to review a decision regarding a parent complaint filed on March 30, 2022;

IT WAS FURTHER UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT in accordance with section 7.3 (b) of *By-Law no. 8 on Complaint Examination Procedure*, the appointed Chair of this Ad Hoc Committee is Mr. Tony Speranza, Parent Commissioner;

IT WAS STILL FURTHER UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Chair of this Committee shall remit a final report and recommendations to the Council of Commissioners by May 10, 2022;

IT WAS STILL FURTHER UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the minutes or notes of the meetings that will be taken by the Members of the Ad Hoc Committee are confidential and to be distributed only to the Members of Council, in order to render a final decision.

Vote: 13-0-0, Adopted

Resolution # 22-04-04-3.3.1

### 3.3.2 Creation of an Ad Hoc Committee to review a decision – Nomination of Members

**WHEREAS** a parent complaint was submitted on March 30, 2022, for the reconsideration of a decision;

**WHEREAS** in accordance with section 7 of EMSB *By-Law no. 8 on Complaint Examination Procedure*, an Ad Hoc Committee must be established to examine the Complaint;

**WHEREAS** several members of the Council of Commissioners have agreed to sit on the aforementioned Committee;

The Council of Commissioners proceeded with the nomination of Members:

Mr. Daniel Tatone nominated Mr. James Kromida, who declined the nomination;

Mr. Tony Speranza nominated Ms. Maria Corsi, who accepted the nomination;

Mr. Daniel Tatone nominated Ms. Sophie De Vito, who accepted the nomination;

There were no other nominations or self-nominations;

On a motion by Mr. Pietro Mercuri the nominations ceased, all were in favor.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. DANIEL TATONE AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT there be created an Ad Hoc Committee to review a decision regarding a parent complaint submitted on March 30, 2022;

IT WAS FURTHER UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT in accordance with section 7.3 (b) of *By-Law no. 8 on Complaint Examination Procedure*, this Ad Hoc Committee be composed of three (3) of the following members of the Council of Commissioners:

Mr. Tony Speranza, Chair

Ms. Maria Corsi

Ms. Sophie De Vito

IT WAS STILL FURTHER UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Committee shall remit its final report and recommendation to the Council of Commissioners by May 10, 2022;

IT WAS STILL FURTHER UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the minutes or notes of the meetings that will be taken by the Members of the Ad Hoc Committee are confidential and to be distributed only to the Members of Council, in order to render a final decision.

Vote: 13-0-0, Adopted

Resolution # 22-04-04-3.3.2

5. Question Period

Questions from Mr. Chris Eustace were addressed by the Chair, Mr. Joe Ortona:

Would the Board continue to hold virtual Council and Executive Committee meetings? It is understood that Question Periods will run the way they were for over 20 years. Both parties can see and hear each other at all times.

6. Amendments to By-Laws No. 1 and No. 4 (2021) – To Affix the Day, Time and Place of the Board and Executive Committee Meetings of the English Montreal School Board

**WHEREAS** in accordance with By-Law No. 1 (2021) and By-Law No. 4 (2021) to affix the day, time and place of the Board and Executive Committee meetings of the English Montreal School Board, public meetings of the Board and Executive Committee are held in the Administration Building and any change in location, day or time must be approved first by Board resolution;

**WHEREAS** the remaining regular meetings of the Board and Executive Committee for 2022 are scheduled for Wednesdays April 27th, May 25th and June 22, 2022;

**WHEREAS** these remaining Board and Executive Committee Meetings should be held instead on Tuesdays April 26th, Tuesday May 24th and June 21, 2022, same time and place;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JAMES KROMIDA AND RESOLVED THAT the remaining regular meetings of the Executive Committee and Board, scheduled for Wednesdays April 27th, May 25th and June 22, 2022 be removed from By-Laws No. 1 and No. 4 (2021) and replaced by meetings to be held on Tuesdays April 26th, May 24th and June 21, 2022, same time and place;

	<p>IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED to proceed to the amendment of By-Laws No. 1(2021) and By-Law No. 4 (2021) to affix the day, time and place of the Board and Executive Committee meetings of the English Montreal School Board accordingly, and in conformity with the Education Act.</p> <p>Vote: 11-1-1, (Ms. Maria Corsi voted against, Mr. Tony Speranza abstained) Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 22-04-04-6</u></p>
7.	<p><u>Adjournment</u></p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. AGOSTINO CANNAVINO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 6:52 P.M.</p> <p>Vote: 13-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 22-04-04-7</u></p>
	<p>Signed in Montreal, _____</p>  <p>_____</p> <p>Me Joe Ortona, Chair</p> <p style="text-align: right;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Me Nathalie Lauzière, Secretary General</p>