

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE
ENGLISH MONTREAL SCHOOL BOARD

A Special Board Meeting of the English Montreal School Board has taken place on Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. in the Laurence Patterson Room, 6000 Fielding Avenue.

Commissioners Present

Me Joe Ortona, Chair

Mr. Agostino Cannavino – via TEAMS

Mr. Mario Bentrovato, Commissioner – via TEAMS

Ms. Maria Corsi, Parent Commissioner – via TEAMS

Ms. Sophie De Vito, Commissioner – via TEAMS

Mr. Jamie Fabian, Commissioner – via TEAMS

Ms. Rosemarie Federico, Parent Commissioner

Mr. Julien Feldman, Commissioner

Ms. Ellie Israel, Commissioner

Mr. James Kromida, Commissioner

Mr. Pietro Mercuri, Commissioner

Mr. Mario Pietrangelo, Commissioner – via TEAMS

Mr. Tony Speranza, Parent Commissioner – via TEAMS

Commissioners Not Present

Mr. Joseph Lalla, Commissioner – Regrets

Mr. Daniel Tatone, Parent Commissioner

Administrators Present:

Mr. Nicholas Katalifos, Director General

Me Nathalie Lauzière, Secretary General

Ms. Darlene Kehyayan, Regional Director, East

Ms. Livia Nassivera, Director, Financial Services

Ms. Angela Spagnolo, Regional Director, AEVS

Ms. Brigida Sellato, Consultant, Secretariat General

1.	<p><u>Land Acknowledgement</u></p> <p>The Chair acknowledged that the English Montreal School Board is located on the traditional ancestral and unceded territory of the Kanien'kehá:ka. We are grateful to live, learn, and work in Tiohtià:ke which has long been a site of meeting and exchange for many First Nations and is currently home to diverse groups of indigenous and other peoples. As a School Board, it is important that we acknowledge the historic and ongoing role of educational institutions in perpetuating injustices against indigenous communities. We are committed to educating staff and students about the true history and current realities of the indigenous peoples of what we now call Canada. Celebrating the cultures contributions and knowledge of the many First Nations Inuit and Métis communities, listening to and amplifying indigenous voices and partnering with local indigenous community members. We offer this acknowledgement as a first step and public commitment to our ongoing process towards reconciliation and justice for indigenous peoples and communities.</p>
2.	<p><u>Confirmation of Notice of the Meeting</u></p> <p>The Secretary General, Me Nathalie Lauzière, confirmed that proper notice of this meeting was given.</p>
3.	<p><u>Approval of Agenda</u></p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. PIETRO MERCURI AND RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved as presented.</p> <p>Vote: 11-1-0 Adopted, (Mr. A. Cannavino voted against and Mr. M. Bentrovato not present for the vote)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 24-01-18-3</u></p>
	<p>Mr. Mario Bentrovato joined the meeting at 7:03 p.m.</p>
4.	<p><u>Question Period</u></p> <p>Questions from Mr. Chris Eustace were addressed by the Chair, Mr. Joe Ortona, regarding the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The logistics and management of meetings - The election of the Vice-Chair of the Board
5.	<p><u>Election of Vice-Chair of the Board</u></p> <p>WHEREAS according to section 9.3 of By-Law no. 11 on Internal Governance, the Vice-Chair is elected from among the members of the Council of Commissioners;</p> <p>WHEREAS according to section 9.3 of said By-Law, all submission forms sent by Commissioners who want to present themselves as Vice-Chair of the Board were received and acknowledged by the Secretary General;</p> <p>WHEREAS for the election of the Vice-Chair of the Board, the Council of Commissioners considered the qualities of Servant Leadership, recognized integrity, ethical standards, honesty, transparency, diligence, pragmatism, efficiency, communication skills and consensus-builder, pursuant to By-Law no. 11;</p> <p>WHEREAS the following Commissioner has submitted his candidacy for the election of Vice-Chair of the Board;</p> <p>James Kromida</p>

	<p>WHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MS. ROSEMARIE FEDERICO THAT effective January 18, 2024, Mr. James Kromida be designated as Vice-Chair of the Board.</p> <p>Vote: 11-2-0, Adopted (Mr. A. Cannavino and Mr. M. Bentreovato voted against)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 24-01-18-5</u></p>
6.	<p><u>Adjournment</u></p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MS. ELLIE ISRAEL AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:11 p.m.</p> <p>Vote: 13-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 24-01-18-6</u></p>
	<p>Signed in Montreal, _____</p> <p>_____ Mr. Joe Ortona, Chair</p> <p style="text-align: right;">_____ Me Nathalie Lauzière, Secretary General</p>