

MINUTE BOOK**Special Board Meeting #19**

Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Edmonton School Division of the Province of Alberta held via Zoom on Friday, August 13, 2021, at 2:00 p.m.

Present:**Trustees**

Sherry Adams
Shelagh Dunn
Trisha Estabrooks

Ken Gibson
Nathan Ip
Michael Janz

Bridget Stirling

Officials

Angela Anderson
Todd Burnstad
Grace Cooke
Ron McNeil

Karen Mills
Leona Morrison
Kathy Muhlethaler
Kent Pharis

Nancy Petersen
Darrel Robertson
Carrie Rosa
Liz Yule

Board Chair: Trisha Estabrooks

Recording Secretary: Shirley Juneau

The Board Chair called the meeting to order with recognition that we are on Treaty 6 Territory, a traditional meeting grounds, gathering place, and travelling route to the Cree, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Métis, Dene and Nakota Sioux. We acknowledge all the many First Nations, Métis and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries.

A. Roll Call: (2:00 p.m.)

The Superintendent advised that Trustee Draper was absent. All other Trustees were present.

B. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED BY Vice-Chair Ip:

“That the agenda for the August 13, 2021, Special Board meeting be approved as printed.”

(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

Trustees Adam and Janz were not present for the vote.

C. Reports

1. Discussion regarding seeking legal advice on COVID-19 mitigation measures
(In Camera)

MINUTE BOOK**MOVED BY Trustee Dunn:**

“That the Board of Trustees move to an in camera discussion regarding seeking legal advice on COVID-19 mitigation measures.”

(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

Trustee Janz was not present for the vote.

MOVED BY Trustee Dunn:

“That the Board of Trustees move out of the in camera discussion regarding seeking legal advice on COVID-19 mitigation measures.”

(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

The Trustees reverted to the open meeting at 3:05 p.m.

2. Discussion of proposed Board advocacy position on COVID-19 mitigation measures

MOVED BY Trustee Dunn:

“1. That the Board of Trustees grant waiver of notice of motion to consider my proposed motion at this meeting.”

(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

“2. Given that we are still in a pandemic and that children under the age of 12 cannot be vaccinated, the Board of Trustees takes the position that testing, contact tracing, self-isolation, mandatory masking, cohorts and screening for COVID-19 are critical measures that help keep staff and students as safe as possible.”

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Dunn, Estabrooks, Gibson, Ip, Janz and Stirling

OPPOSED: Trustee Adams

(CARRIED)

D. Adjournment: 4:10 p.m.

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.

Trisha Estabrooks, Board Chair

Karen Mills, Director of Board and
Superintendent Relations