

**MINUTE BOOK****Special Board Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of Edmonton School Division of Alberta held in the Centre for Education McCauley Chambers on Friday, May 23, 2025, at 9 a.m.

**Present:****Trustees**

Dawn Hancock  
Julie Kusiek

Marsha Nelson  
Sherri O'Keefe

Jan Sawyer  
Saadiq Sumar

**Officials**

Angela Anderson  
Todd Burnstad  
Grace Cooke  
Andrea Cooper

Karen Mills  
Kathy Muhlethaler  
Kent Pharis  
Nancy Petersen  
Cliff Richard

Darrel Robertson  
Carrie Rosa  
Ron Thompson  
Liz Yule

**Board Chair:** Julie Kusiek

**Recording Secretary:** Catherine Angeles

**A. Land Acknowledgement**

The Board Chair called the meeting to order and called upon Trustee Hancock to provide a land acknowledgement.

Trustee Hancock respectfully acknowledged that we are on Treaty 6 territory—the traditional meeting grounds and gathering place to the Cree, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Metis, Dene and Nakota Sioux, who have called this place home for generations. As we move from the freshness of spring into the warmth and promise of summer, she is reminded of how the land comes alive—how it blooms, breathes, and carries the stories of those who have cared for it long before us. The rivers, the sky above, and the earth beneath us hold the knowledge, resilience, and deep connection of Indigenous peoples. With gratitude and humility, she recognized the footsteps of the many First Nations, Metis and Inuit who walked this land before her. Reconciliation is not a moment but a journey, and personally, she is committed to walking that path by listening deeply, learning continuously, and sharing the perspectives and experiences of the First Peoples with those around her.

**B. Roll Call: 9:04 a.m.**

The Superintendent advised that all Trustees were present.

**MINUTE BOOK****C. Approval of the Agenda****MOVED BY Trustee Nelson:**

**"That the agenda for the May 23, 2025, Special Board meeting be approved as presented."  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**D. Reports****1. 2025-2026 School Year Budget****MOVED BY Trustee O'Keefe:**

**"That the 2025-2026 budget for Edmonton Public Schools as presented in Attachment IX be approved."  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

There was a short break in the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 10:50 a.m.

**2. 2022-2026 Four-Year Education Plan: Year Four Update****MOVED BY Trustee Sumar:**

**"That the Edmonton Public Schools' 2022-26 Four-Year Education Plan: Year Four be approved."  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**E. Adjournment: 11:35 a.m.**

**The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.**

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Julie Kusiek, Board Chair

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Karen Mills, Director Board and  
Superintendent Relations