



## Board of Trustees' Inaugural Board Meeting

A public meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, November 17, 2025, at 1st floor Board Room, Catholic Education Centre, 35 Weber Street, Kitchener.

**Trustees Present:**

Linda Cuff, Kathy Doherty-Masters, Winston Francis, David Guerin, Renée Kraft\*, Marisa Phillips, Robert Sikora, Conrad Stanley, Tracey Weiler

\*-attended virtually via Teams

**Student Trustees Present:**

Rebecca Girolametto

**Administrative Officials Present:**

Patrick Eby, Gerald Foran, Shesh Maharaj, Paul Mendonça, Judy Merkel, Kerry Pomfret, Annalisa Varano

**Special Resources For The Meeting:**

**Regrets:** Jace Krysko, Jennifer Ritsma

**Recorder:**

Stephanie Medeiros, Executive Administrative Assistant

NOTE ON VOTING: Under Board by-law 4.7 all Board decisions made by consensus are deemed the equivalent of a unanimous vote. A consensus decision is therefore deemed to be a vote of 9-0. Under Board by-law 4.11 every Trustee "shall vote on all questions on which the Trustee is entitled to vote" and abstentions are not permitted. Under Board by-law 4.11 Whenever a vote is required, every Trustee present when a vote is taken, including the Chair but excluding any Trustee who has declared a direct or indirect pecuniary interest as required by the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, shall vote on all questions on which the Trustee is entitled to vote and abstentions are not permitted.

### **1. Call to Order:**

The Secretary of the Board called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

### **2. Opening Prayer & Memorials**

Deacon Richard Olson led in prayer and memorials.

### **3. Territorial Acknowledgement**

Territorial Acknowledgement declared by Secretary Varano.

### **4. Roll Call**

All Trustees were present.

### **5. Declaration and Signing of Oath of Allegiance**

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Trustees together made their declaration and signed the Oath of Allegiance.

## **6. Election of the Chair**

The Secretary asked for nominations for Chair of the Board.

Trustee Phillips put forth Trustee Kraft's name.

The Secretary asked Trustee Kraft if she accepted the nomination, and she did.

The Secretary asked if there were further nominations for Chair of the Board three times. There were no further nominations.

Secretary Varano declared the election of Renée Kraft as Chair of the Board by unanimous decision and called for a motion to formally appoint Trustee Kraft to this position.

**2025-162 -- It was moved by Trustee Phillips and seconded by Trustee Francis:**

**THAT Renée Kraft is elected to be the Chair of the Board of Trustees.**

**--- Carried by consensus**

## **7. Inaugural Remarks by the Chair of the Board**

Chair Kraft delivered her inaugural remarks and, due to her virtual presence, granted the Secretary the authority as the presiding officer to oversee the election of the Vice-Chair. This decision was unanimously supported by all Trustees.

## **8. Election of the Vice-Chair of the Board**

Secretary Varano asked for nominations for Vice-Chair of the Board.

Trustee Guerin put forth Trustee Weiler's name.

Secretary Varano asked Trustee Weiler if she accepted the nomination, and she did.

Secretary Varano asked for nominations for Vice-Chair of the Board.

Trustee Francis put forth Trustee Sikora's name.

Secretary Varano asked Trustee Sikora if he accepted the nomination, and he did.

The Secretary asked if there were further nominations for Vice-Chair of the Board three times. There were no further nominations and then moved to a vote.

Secretary Varano requested a show of hands for the election of Trustee Weiler.

Show of hands in favour: (7) with a non-binding vote from Student Trustee Girolametto

Secretary Varano requested a show of hands for the election of Trustee Sikora.

Show of hands in favour: (2)

Secretary Varano declared the election of Tracey Weiler as Vice-Chair of the Board by a majority vote and called for a motion to formally appoint Trustee Weiler to this position.

**2025-163 -- It was moved by Trustee Sikora and seconded by Trustee Guerin:**

**THAT Tracey Weiler is elected to be Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees.**

**--- Carried by consensus**

**9. Inaugural Remarks by the Vice-Chair of the Board**

Vice-Chair Weiler gave inaugural remarks.

**10. Confirm Decisions**

The recording secretary confirmed the decisions made tonight.

**11. Closing Prayer and Motion to Adjourn**

All present recited the closing prayer.

**2025-164-- It was moved by Trustee Phillips and seconded by Trustee Cuff:  
THAT the meeting be now adjourned. The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 6:16 p.m.**



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Chair of the Board



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Secretary of the Board