



1325 California Avenue  
Windsor, ON N9B 3Y6  
CHAIRPERSON: Barbara Holland  
DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION: Paul A. Picard

**INAUGURAL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.**  
**Windsor Essex Catholic Education Centre**  
**1325 California Avenue, Windsor**  
*(Mass Assumption Chapel at 6:45 p.m.)*

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT**

**Trustees:**

F. Alexander	Bernie Mastromattei
F. Costante	L. Soulliere
M. DiMenna (Vice-Chair)	S. Tope
F. DiTomasso	F. Valentinis
B. Holland (Chair)	
K. Dumlao, Student Trustee	
V. Gaspard Student Trustee	
Rev. L. Brunet, Board Chaplain	

**Regrets:**

**Administration:**

P. Picard (Resource)	E. Byrne
C. Geml	P. King
J. Bumbacco	R. Lo Faso
M. Iatonna	P. Murray
	S. O'Hagan-Wong
	M. Seguin
	J. Ulicny

**Recorder:**

B. Marshall

1. Call To Order - In accordance with Section Two of the Board By-Laws, Paul Picard, Director of Education called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. and presided over the meeting until the election of the Chair.
2. Opening Prayer - Fr. Brunet opened the meeting with a prayer.
3. Welcome: The Director of Education welcomed everyone to this evening's meeting to elect a Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board for the first year of a four-year term.

4. Commissioning/Declaration of Elected Members - Fr. Brunet led a commissioning prayer reaffirming trustees' commitment to the provision of Catholic education. Trustees signed the Declaration of Elected Members.
5. Recording of Attendance - The Director of Education confirmed that all members of the Board were present, have been duly elected or acclaimed, and have taken the Declaration of Office as required. The members constituting this Board are as follows:

Fred Alexander, City of Windsor Wards 5 & 8  
Fabio Costante, City of Windsor Wards 2 & 9  
Mary DiMenna, County Area 2 (Essex, Leamington, Kingsville)  
Frank DiTomasso, County Area 1 (Amherstburg, LaSalle)  
Barbara Holland, City of Windsor Wards 6 & 7  
Bernie Mastromattei, City of Windsor Wards 3 & 4  
Lisa Soulliere, County Area 3 (Lakeshore)  
Susan Tope, County Area 4 (Tecumseh)  
Fulvio Valentinis, City of Windsor Wards 1 & 10

6. Election of Chair

The Director of Education asked Trustees to approve the appointment of two scrutineers.

**Moved by Trustee Alexander and seconded by Trustee Soulliere that the Board approve the appointment of Fr. Brunet and Executive Superintendent Iatonna as scrutineers. Carried**

As Presiding Officer, Director Picard invited trustees who wished to serve as Chair to stand and declare their candidacy. The following trustees declared their candidacy:

- Trustee Barbara Holland

After three requests by Director Picard inviting those who wished to stand to do so, there were no further declarations and the Director called that nominations be closed.

**Moved by Trustee Valentinis and seconded by Trustee Costante that nominations for the position of Chair be closed. Carried**

Trustee Holland was acclaimed to the position of Chairperson of the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board.

At this point, Trustee Holland assumed the Chair and proceeded with election of the Vice-Chair.

7. Election of Vice-Chair

Chair Holland invited trustees who wished to serve as Vice-Chair to stand and declare their candidacy. The following trustees rose and declared their candidacy:

- Trustee Mary DiMenna

After three requests by the Chair inviting those who wished to stand to do so, there were no further declarations and the Chair called that the nominations be closed.

**Moved by Trustee Costante and seconded by Trustee DiTomasso that nominations for the position of Vice-Chair be closed. Carried**

Trustee DiMenna was acclaimed to the position of Vice-Chair of the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board.

Vice-Chair DiMenna addressed the Board. Vice-Chair DiMenna looks forward to working with the new Board and is optimistic with the Board's commitment to Catholic education. Vice-Chair DiMenna complimented staff for continually putting students first; for their tireless work ethic to instruct; to maintain and keep our schools functioning and clean; and lastly thanked the Bishop and pastors who are vital members of our Catholic community. Vice-Chair DiMenna mentioned she is proud to be a member of the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board and honoured to serve as your Vice-Chair.

8. Chairperson's Address - Chair Holland addressed the Board and thanked her colleagues for their continued support and endorsement. Chair Holland thanked the entire board staff for their dedication and contributions to making Catholic education such a success in Windsor and Essex County. Chair Holland commented on the accomplishments of the Board over the last term and outlined some of the challenges for Catholic education in Windsor and Essex County for the upcoming year.
9. Establishment of Committees – At the next Board meeting, Trustees will receive a list and description of committees. Once reviewed trustees will indicate their preferred Committee membership appointments to the Chair. The appointments to committees will be confirmed at a future named Board Meeting.
10. Next Regular Meeting of the Board: Tuesday, December 16, 2014
11. Closing Prayer – Fr. Brunet closed the meeting with a prayer.
12. Adjournment – There being no further business, the Inaugural Meeting of December 2, 2014 adjourned at 7:52 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

*Original signed by B. Holland and P. Picard*

**Barbara Holland**  
*Board Chairperson*

**Paul A. Picard**  
*Director of Education & Secretary of the Board*