



**WINDSOR-ESSEX CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

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

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE BOARD

Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
Windsor Essex Catholic Education Centre
1325 California Avenue, Windsor
(Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m.)

MINUTES

Prayer Service began at 7:05 pm.

PRESENT

Trustees:

F. Alexander	Bernie Mastromattei
F. Costante	L. Soulliere
M. DiMenna (<i>Vice-Chair</i>)	S. Tope
F. DiTomasso	F. Valentinis
B. Holland (<i>Chair</i>)	

L. Zovko, Student Trustee
Rev. L. Brunet, Board Chaplain

Regrets:

S. Benjamin, Student Trustee

Administration:

P. Picard (Resource)	S. Fields	R. Lo Faso
T. Lyons	G. McKenzie	M. Seguin
E. Byrne	J. Ibrahim	J. Ulicny
P. King		

Recorder:

B. Marshall

1. Call To Order - In accordance with Section Two of the Board By-Laws of the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School, Paul Picard, Director of Education called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. and presided over the meeting until the election of the Chair.
2. Welcome: The Director of Education welcomed everyone to this evening's meeting to elect a Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board for the third year of a four-year term.
3. Commissioning Ceremony - Fr. Brunet led a commissioning prayer reaffirming Trustees' commitment to the provision of Catholic education.

4. Recording of Attendance – All Trustees present.

5. Election of Chair

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

Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee DiTomasso that the Board approve the appointment of Fr. Brunet and Executive Superintendent Lyons as scrutineers. Carried

As Presiding Officer, Director Picard invited Trustees who wished to serve as Chair to stand and declare their candidacy. The following Trustee(s) declared their candidacy:

- Trustee 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 Soulliere and seconded by Trustee Valentinis 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.

6. Election of Vice-Chair

Chair Holland invited Trustees who wished to serve as Vice-Chair to stand and declare their candidacy. The following Trustee(s) rose and declared their candidacy:

- Trustee DiMenna
- Trustee Soulliere

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

In accordance with the provisions of the Board By-Laws, Trustees DiMenna and Soulliere provided comments to the assembly in support of their respective candidacies.

Scrutineers Father Brunet and Executive Superintendent Lyons distributed ballots, polled and tallied the results and presented to Chair Holland.

Chair Holland announced that Trustee DiMenna would serve as Vice-Chair of the Board.

Moved by Trustee DiTomasso and seconded by Trustee Costante that the ballots for the election of the Vice-Chair of the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board be destroyed.
Carried

Vice Chair DiMenna addressed the Board.

Vice Chair DiMenna thanked trustees for placing their confidence in her once again. Vice Chair DiMenna thanked all members of the Board; Director, Educational Assistants, Teachers, Principals, support staff, custodians and board staff for their diligent work. Vice Chair DiMenna commented on the board resources directed towards student spiritual growth, academic successes and emotional and physical safety and wellness.

7. Chairperson's Address

Chair Holland addressed the Board and thanked her colleagues for their continued support and endorsement. 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. Chair Holland thanked the entire board staff for their dedication and contributions to making Catholic education such a success in Windsor and Essex County.

8. Establishment of Committees – Trustees will receive a list of current committee appointments to review and advise the Chair of their preferred membership. Appointments to committees will be confirmed at a future board meeting.

9. Next Regular Meeting of the Board: Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

10. Closing Prayer – Fr. Brunet closed the meeting with a prayer.

11. Adjournment – There being no further business, the Organizational Meeting of December 6, 2016 adjourned at 7:41 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