



**DURHAM CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**
Learning and Living in Faith

Special Board Meeting – Open Session Minutes

Durham Catholic District School Board – North Boardroom
650 Rossland Road West, Oshawa, ON, L1J 7C4
February 5, 2024, at 7:00 PM EST

Trustees Present

M. Forster (Chair), R. Damianopoulos (Vice Chair)
Trustees K. Beatty, R. De Souza, J. Emanuel*, M. Hall, J. McCafferty*, M. Ste. Marie

Student Trustees Present

M. Esan, A. Walsh

Director of Education Present

T. Barill

Senior Administration Present

K. Akomolafe, S. Grieve, M. Hammond, M. O'Neill*, R. Rodriguez, P. Sorhaitz,
D. Stargratt*, K. Stevenson, J. Wilson, G. Winn

** Attended virtually*

1. Opening

1.1. Call to Order

Chair Forster called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1.2. Memorials and Prayer

Student Trustee Walsh offered the opening prayer.

1.3. Land Acknowledgement

Chair Forster offered the following land acknowledgement:

“We here in the Durham Region respectfully acknowledge that we are on the traditional lands of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island. We are grateful to live, work, and pray on this land. We are committed to walking the path together toward the full realization of the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.”

1.4. Canadian Anthem

Pre-recorded performance by All Saints Catholic Secondary School.

1.5. Roll Call and Apologies

All Trustees were present. Trustees Emanuel and McCafferty attended virtually.

1.6. Approval of Agenda

Motion:

SB2024-02-05-01 – Approval of Agenda

“THAT the Durham Catholic District School Board approve the agenda of the Monday, February 5, 2024, Special Board Meeting as provided.

Motion moved by M. Ste. Marie and motion seconded by R. De Souza.
CARRIED

1.7. Declarations of Interest

None.

2. Items for Decision

2.1. April 2024 Professional Activity Day – Proposed Date Change

- Staff responded to questions from Trustees.

Motion:

SB2024-02-05-02 – April 2024 Professional Activity Day – Proposed Date Change

“WHEREAS, a total solar eclipse will occur on April 8, 2024; AND

WHEREAS, it is predicted that the full effects of the eclipse will be experienced in the Durham Region between 2:00 pm and 4:30 pm which coincides with student dismissal times; AND

WHEREAS, several boards in the path of the eclipse, including the Durham District School Board have made the decision, for reasons of health and safety of students, to reschedule a Professional Activity Day to coincide with the date of the solar eclipse; AND

WHEREAS, aligning school year calendars with the coterminous board may assist families with children in both boards,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, out of an abundance of caution, the Durham Catholic District School Board approve an amendment to the 2023-2024 school year calendar to reschedule the Professional Activity Day previously scheduled for April 19, 2024, to April 8, 2024.”

Motion moved by M. Hall and motion seconded by K. Beatty. CARRIED

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3. Closing

3.1. Trustee Questions

None.

3.2. Motion to Adjourn

Motion:

SB2024-02-05-03 – Adjournment

“THAT the Durham Catholic District School Board adjourn the Special Board Meeting of Monday, February 5, 2024.”

Motion moved by R. De Souza and motion seconded by K. Beatty.

CARRIED

3.3. Closing Prayer

A closing prayer was offered by Student Trustee Esan.

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Monique Forster, Chair of the Board
Durham Catholic District School Board

Tracy Barill, Director of Education
Durham Catholic District School Board

Recording Secretary: L. Beckstead