

Minutes of the **Council of Commissioners** meeting held on January 25, 2021, via Teams at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Chair Daly, Commissioners Boucher, Cornforth, George, Giannakoulis, Graham, Labadie, McCrank, Shaar, Young, and Parent-Commissioners Brennan, Connell, Coutlée, and Taylor.

**REGRETS:** Commissioner Lyrette-Brennan

**Personnel:**

Director of Buildings, Technology and Transportation P. Proulx

Director of Complementary Services L. Falasconi

Director of Education S. Aitken

Director of Finance M. Lupien

Director of Human Resources T. Kharyati

Administrative Officer R. Vincent

The Director General, M. Dubeau, the Secretary General – Director of Corporate Services, G. Singfield, and the Assistant Director General / Director of Education, Adult Education/Vocational Training, R. Ahern were also present.

- **Land Acknowledgment**

**Call to Order:** 7:08 pm

**C-21/22-87 Adoption of Agenda**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that the agenda be adopted as presented with the following additions:

Agenda item 4.4

- Election of 2 positions on the Communications Committee

Varia:

- Email from Commissioner Taylor
- Email from Commissioner George
- Discussion on Code of Ethics

Carried Unanimously

**C-21/22-88 Approval of Minutes – November 30, 2021**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Shaar that the minutes of a meeting held on November 30, 2021, be approved as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

**C-21/22-89 Election Procedures**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Labadie that the elections of the Vice-Chair, the QESBA Representative, and two Communications Committee positions be held by secret ballot.

Carried Unanimously

- C-21/22-90 Appointment of Scrutineers**  
IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Coutlée that George Singfield and Rachel Vincent be appointed as scrutineers for the election of the Vice-Chair, the QESBA Representative, and two Communications Committee positions.  
Carried Unanimously
- C-21/22-91 Nominations for Vice-Chair**  
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Giannakoulis that Council accept nominations for Vice-Chair.  
Nomination By  
Commissioner Boucher Commissioner Brennan
- C-21/22-92 Cease Nominations for Vice-Chair**  
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Labadie that nominations for Vice-Chair cease.  
Carried Unanimously
- C-21/22-93 Declaration of Election of the Vice-Chair**  
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Labadie that Commissioner Boucher be declared elected as Vice-Chair.  
Carried Unanimously
- C-21/22-94 Nominations for QESBA Representative**  
IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Connell that Council accept nominations for the QESBA Representative.  
Nomination By  
Commissioner Shaar Commissioner Boucher
- C-21/22-95 Cease Nominations for QESBA Representative**  
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that nominations for the QESBA Representative cease.  
Carried Unanimously
- C-21/22-96 Declaration of Election of the QESBA Representative**  
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that Commissioner Shaar be declared elected as QESBA Representative.  
Carried Unanimously
- C-21/22-97 Nominations for Two Positions on the Communications Committee**  
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Boucher that Council accept nominations for two (2) positions on the Communications Committee.  
Nomination By  
Commissioner George Self

- C-21/22-98 Cease Nominations for two Positions on the Communications Committee**  
IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Coutlée that nominations for positions on the Communications Committee cease.

Carried Unanimously

- C-21/22-99 Declaration of Election of one of the two positions on the Communications Committee**  
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Coutlée that Commissioner George be declared elected on the Communications Committee.

Carried Unanimously

### **Director General's Report**

The Director General gave a verbal report. Topics discussed included:

- Entering a new phase of the Pandemic
- The paradigm shift - Endemic
- Case management in schools
- Student & staff – Absenteeism data
- School contingency plans: staff shortages
- Decree on all unionized personnel
- Pandemic communications – Public Health vs WQSB
- Staff recruitment project
- Partnership with the Ministry and Public Health
- Graduation rates: 2020 – WQSB ranked #1
- Strong Anglophone Board Network in Quebec
- Support and TIP program for unqualified teachers

- C-21/22-100 Local Policy Regulating the Working Conditions of Management Staff – EAAWQ**  
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Coutlée that, as recommended by the Director General, the revised Local Management Policy regarding the English Association of Administrators of Western Quebec (EAAWQ) be adopted.

For: 13

Against: 1 (Taylor)

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried

- C-21/22-101 Résolution ayant pour objet de présenter un projet dans le cadre du Programme de soutien aux infrastructures sportives et récréatives scolaires et d'enseignement supérieur**  
Lors de la séance ordinaire du conseil des commissaires de la Commission scolaire Western Québec, tenue le 25 janvier 2022, il a été proposé par la commissaire-parent Connell :

QUE la Commission scolaire Western Québec autorise la présentation du projet du terrain de soccer synthétique avec dôme de l'établissement Philemon Wright High School au ministère de l'Éducation dans le cadre du Programme de soutien aux infrastructures sportives et récréatives scolaires et d'enseignement supérieur;

QUE soit confirmé l'engagement de la Commission scolaire Western Québec à payer sa part des coûts admissibles au projet et à payer les coûts d'exploitation continue de ce dernier, à assumer tout dépassement de coûts généré par les travaux et à ne pas accorder de contrat relatif à des coûts directs avant la signature d'une convention d'aide financière avec le ministère;

QUE la Commission scolaire Western Québec désigne monsieur Pascal Proulx, directeur des ressources matérielles, comme personne autorisée à agir en son nom et à signer en son nom tous les documents relatifs au projet mentionné ci-dessus.

Carried Unanimously

**C-21/22-102 Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report – November 15, 2021**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Taylor that Council accept receipt of the SEAC minutes of November 15, 2021.

Carried Unanimously

**C-21/22-103 Parents' Committee Report – November 15, 2021**

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Coutlée that Council accept receipt of the Parents' Committee minutes of November 15, 2021.

Carried Unanimously

**C-21/22-104 Educational Policy Committee (EPC) Report – October 27, 2021**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Labadie that Council accept receipt of the Educational Policy Committee minutes of October 27, 2021.

Carried Unanimously

**C-21/22-105 Complimentary Services Committee (CSC) Report – June 1, 2021**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Labadie that Council accept receipt of the Complimentary Services Committee minutes of June 1, 2021.

Carried Unanimously

**C-21/22-106 Governance & Ethics Committee Report – December 6, 2021**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Taylor that Council accept receipt of the Governance & Ethics Committee minutes of December 6, 2021.

Carried Unanimously

- C-21/22-107 Rules of Procedure for Mandatory and Discretionary Committees of the Council of Commissioners**  
 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Taylor to approve the WQSB Rules of Procedure for Mandatory and Discretionary Committees of the Council of Commissioners as presented by Commissioner Taylor, Chair of the Governance and Ethics Committee.
- Carried Unanimously
- C-21/22-108 President of Elections**  
 IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Coullée that the Secretary General – Director of Corporate Services, M. George Singfield be named the WQSB Returning Officer for the Ward 10 By-Election.
- Carried Unanimously
- C-21/22-109 By-Election Polling Date for Commissioner – Ward 10**  
 WHEREAS Mr. Wayne Daly resigned as Commissioner of Ward 10 on January 12, 2022;  
 WHEREAS George Singfield has been appointed to the position of Returning Officer for the Western Québec School Board;  
 WHEREAS Section 200 of the *Act respecting school elections* states that within 30 days from the date on which the seat becomes vacant, the returning officer must set as polling day, a Sunday, in the four months that follow that date;  
 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Cornforth to set May 8, 2022 as the polling day for the by-election for Ward 10 Commissioner.
- Carried Unanimously
- C-21/22-110 Adjournment**  
 IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Connell that the meeting be adjourned at 9:49 p.m.