Province of Quebec

Western Quebec School Board

Minutes of the **Council of Commissioners** meeting held on June 30, 2026, in a hybrid format at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair Labadie, Commissioners Cornforth, Bélanger, Giannakoulis, Goldsbrough, Green, Garner, Killeen, Moore, McCrank, Richard, and Parent-Commissioners Fortier, Bouchard, and Rhéault

REGRETS: Commissioner Brushey and Parent-Commissioner James

PERSONNEL: Present at the meeting were also the Director General, Mr. P. Proulx; the Assistant Director General / Secretary General, Mr. E Keon; the Director of Human Resources, Mr. E. Tremblay; the Director of Finance, Ms. M. Lupien; the Directors of Education Mr. S. Aitken and Ms. J. Dubeau; the Director of Complementary Services, Ms. L. Falasconi; the Director of Material Resources & Information Technology, Mr. S. El Ouezzani; the Coordinator of Administrative Services, Mr. A. Gendron; and the Head of Administrative Management, Ms. R. Vincent.

Land acknowledgement by: Commissioner Moore

Call to Order: 6:32 p.m.

C-25/26-135. **Adoption of Agenda**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Richard and seconded by Commissioner Killeen that the agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried unanimously

C-25/26-136. **Adoption of Minutes**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Goldsbrough and seconded by Commissioner McCrank that the minutes of a meeting held on May 26, 2026, be adopted as circulated.

Carried unanimously

Chair Report

Chair Labadie gave her oral report – Key topics discussed were:

- The Chair acknowledged the beginning of a new chapter for the Western Québec School Board and Council of Commissioners and congratulated the incoming leadership team.
- Recognition was given to Pascal for his years of service, leadership, expertise, and commitment, with best wishes extended for his new role.
- The Chair welcomed Eldon in his new role as Assistant Director General and thanked him for his continued service as interim Secretary General and his support during the transition period.
- The Chair noted that two new team members would be formally introduced later in the meeting.
- An update was provided on the provincial political landscape, noting that Bills 1 and 8 had died on the Order Paper, a development welcomed by both English and French school boards.
- Appreciation was expressed to Council members for their dedication and contributions through committee work, policy reviews, and governance activities throughout the year.
- Special thanks were extended to Eldon for his dedication, guidance, and ongoing support to the Council of Commissioners.
- The Chair concluded by wishing all members a pleasant summer and a happy Canada Day.

Director General's Report

The Director General, Mr. P. Proulx, presented his first report, highlighting key year-end operational matters, including:

- Management staffing updates, recruitment activities, and recent appointments.
- The appointment of Eldon Keon as Assistant Director General and recognition of his final Council meeting as Secretary General.
- Invited Erick Tremblay, newly appointed Director of HR, to address the Council.
- Invited Berthine Glouzon, the newly appointed Secretary General, to address the Council.
- Changes to the 2025-2026 management staffing plan.
- The annual procurement and contract risk management assessment and the proposed 2026-2027 action plan.
- Ongoing measures to strengthen contract management through training, process improvements, internal audits, and conflict-of-interest awareness.
- A notice that the Audit Committee would be presenting a resolution regarding the risk management plan.
- An update on the school tax centralization pilot project with the CGTSIM and the decision to return to local management of school taxation beginning in 2026-2027 due to increased projected costs.

- Confirmation that adequate staffing resources are in place to support local taxation services.

Assistant Director General's Report

The Assistant Director General addressed the council on the following subjects:

- An update on the province-wide class action lawsuit involving Indigenous students who attended Quebec public schools under federal-provincial agreements between 1951 and 2014. The court has authorized the class action to proceed, and the matter is expected to take several years to resolve.
- Initial discussions with legal counsel and insurers regarding coverage and next steps in the legal process.
- An update on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) regarding initiatives, activities, promoting equity and inclusion for students, staff, families in the wider community.
- A review of initiatives promoting equity, diversity, and inclusion, with a working draft document identifying approximately 150 initiatives across sixteen schools and centres.
- A commitment to provide a more comprehensive report in the fall, including validated and disaggregated data to support ongoing monitoring and reporting of EDI initiatives throughout the organization.

Director of Education Report

The Director of Education, Jennifer Dubeau, reported on a new partnership initiative, including:

- The development of a partnership with an Indigenous Culture and Sports Academy led by Mike Diabo of the Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg community near Maniwaki, Québec.
- The Academy's goal of supporting Indigenous students through a combination of cultural programming, athletics, and academic studies leading to a high school diploma.
- An agreement for the Academy to operate from the Maniwaki Continuing Education Centre beginning in the fall through the rental of classroom space and shared use of common facilities.
- Opportunities for WQSB students to participate in weekly cultural programming that may be recognized for optional high school credits.
- Benefits for staff and students through increased access to Indigenous cultural learning, Elders, knowledge keepers, and community connections.
- An update that recruitment for the inaugural student cohort is underway, with additional information to be provided in the fall.

C-25/26-137. **Adoption of the WQSB Framework for Equity – Our Shared Vision, Values and Commitments**

WHEREAS the school board's Justice-Equity-Diversity-Inclusion Committee (JEDI) has collaborated with DEI consultant Dr. Sabrina Jafralie throughout the year on a range of initiatives and research related to equity and inclusion at the WQSB;

WHEREAS the JEDI Committee undertook the development of a foundational document in the form of a Framework, comparable to a DEI policy but incorporating a concrete action plan;

WHEREAS the Committee sought to develop the Framework through a collaborative approach that reflects the voices and perspectives of the school board's diverse community, including contributions from employees, members of Council, parents/guardians, community members, and students;

WHEREAS the Framework Creation Sub-committee was established to conduct consultations, gather input, and develop the document;

WHEREAS the Sub-committee organized and facilitated an in-person consultation session at Philemon Wright H.S. on May 1, 2026, and developed an online survey to ensure broader participation from individuals unable to attend in person;

WHEREAS the Sub-committee reviewed and analyzed the information collected, and structured it into a comprehensive document that includes a vision statement, commitments grounded in shared values and beliefs, and a set of prioritized actions for the coming year;

WHEREAS the Sub-committee presented the Framework document to the JEDI Committee for review and revision;

WHEREAS the JEDI Committee, following careful review and revision, unanimously approved the document and resolved to recommend its adoption to Council;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Killeen and seconded by Commissioner Goldsbrough that Council adopt the Framework for Equity: Our Shared Vision, Values and Commitments as a living document to guide the school board's ongoing work in equity and inclusion.

Carried unanimously

C-25/26-138. **Treasury Board – Delegation of Powers: Contract Management and Procurement Activities Reporting for the 2025-2026 Period to the Treasury Board**

WHEREAS the Directive on Accountability in Contract Management for Public Bodies defines the general framework for the accountability requirements of public organizations;

WHEREAS this Directive requires that public bodies transmit to the Treasury Board, no later than June 30 of each year, for the year ending March 31, a Declaration (Annexe 3) by the head of the organization, attesting to the reliability of the data and controls concerning:

- All instances for which authorization by the head of the public agency was required;
- Information published on the Electronic Tendering System (SEAO) in accordance with the ACT RESPECTING CONTRACTING BY PUBLIC BODIES (Act) and the regulations, directives, and policies made under that Act.

WHEREAS the Director General will submit a report to the Council of Commissioners, as required by the WQSB Internal Guidelines for the Management of Procurement, Service and Construction Contracts, concerning the authorization forms submitted to the Treasury Board during the year;

WHEREAS the head of the organization must sign this declaration, and the Act (section 8) specifies that the Council of Commissioners is the head in the case of a school board;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner McCrank and seconded by Parent-Commissioner Bouchard that Council authorize the Director General of the Western Québec School Board to complete and sign the Declaration of the Head of the Organization of the School Board for the period of April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026, and to provide all other required information to the Treasury Board for this reporting period.

Carried Unanimously

C-25/26-139. **Hiring of Administrators – Summer Period**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Green and seconded by Commissioner Cornforth that normal formalities be waived to accommodate any possible need to fill new administrative postings as soon as possible, on the condition that the Director General notify all commissioners when assignments are finalized.

Carried unanimously

C-25/26-140. **Executive Committee Report – May 19, 2026**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Bélanger and seconded by Parent-Commissioner Fortier that Council acknowledge receipt of the Executive Committee minutes of May 19, 2026.

Carried unanimously

C-25/26-141. **Adoption of Revised Policy F-16 – Evaluation of the Performance of the Director General**

WHEREAS the Executive Committee received and reviewed the revised Policy F-16 – Policy on the Evaluation of the Performance of the Director General, as developed and recommended by the Director General Evaluation Review Sub-Committee;

WHEREAS the Executive Committee has endorsed with its resolution E-25/26-155 the revised Policy F-16 and recommends its adoption by the Council of Commissioners;

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Fortier and seconded by Commissioner Goldsbrough that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, Council adopt the Policy F-16, Policy on the Evaluation of the Performance of the Director General.

Carried Unanimously

C-25/26-142. **Derogation Request to Purchasing Policy No. D-11 to Enter into a Mutual Agreement with Le Jardin Éducatif du Pontiac for the 2026-2027 School Year. Contract #26560G001**

WHEREAS the Western Québec School Board wishes to enter into a mutual agreement contract with Le Jardin Éducatif du Pontiac for the 2026-2027 school year;

WHEREAS Le Jardin Éducatif du Pontiac is an independent community organization whose mission is to provide educational, integration, and redirection programs for youth referred by schools and organizations offering psychosocial services;

WHEREAS the WQSB is using the Jardin Éducatif to maintain student engagement;

WHEREAS s. 6.4 of the Purchasing Policy D-11 states that:

The School Board may use a mutual agreement process for contracts of an estimated value below $5,000;

The School Board communicates directly with at least one supplier, indicating the good(s), service(s) or construction work(s) required and any other relevant information;

Before entering into a contract by mutual agreement, the School Board must ensure that fair prices and conditions are obtained;

WHEREAS the value of this contract to be entered into by mutual agreement is above the threshold of $5,000 for a mutual agreement contract;

WHEREAS the tendering process for a contract above $5,000 requires 3 written quotes;

WHEREAS Policy D-11, s. 7 provides an exception to the tendering process:

Except for contracts where the estimated expenditure is equal to or above the thresholds established by the Act Respecting Contracting by Public Bodies, the Council of Commissioners may authorize the School

Board, in exceptional circumstances and for legitimate reasons, to enter into a contract without following the tendering processes described herein.

WHEREAS Le Jardin Éducatif du Pontiac has provided integrated and direct services for our students in the past and is the only firm that can provide this service to the WQSB in the Pontiac;

WHEREAS the annual value of the contract is $100,000;

WHEREAS The Executive Committee has recommended with its resolution #E-25/26-156 that Council approve the derogation request and enter into a mutual agreement contract with Le Jardin Éducatif du Pontiac;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner McCrank, that as recommended by the Executive Committee, Council approves the derogation request and enter into a mutual agreement contract with Le Jardin Éducatif du Pontiac to provide integrated services to students at the Western Quebec School Board for the 2026-2027 school year and mandate the Director General to submit the Annexe 2 (LGCE) to the Treasury Board.

Carried unanimously

C-25/26-143. **Mutual Agreement – Reconfiguration and Upgrading of Fire Alarm and Intrusion Systems – Contract #25510G004**

WHEREAS an amount of $800,000 was allocated under Measure 50627 for the 2024–2025 fiscal year to undertake Phase 1 of the upgrade of fire alarm and intrusion systems;

WHEREAS Dr S.E. McDowell School has been prioritized for necessary corrective actions and upgrades to ensure compliance, reliability, and proper system performance;

WHEREAS a tender by invitation was completed;

WHEREAS the following businesses were invited:

GMS Sécurité Inc.

137269 CANADA (Deslauriers)

CHUBB FIRE & SECURITY CANADA CORPORATION

WHEREAS the following bid was received:

137269 CANADA (Deslauriers)	$75,645.30

WHEREAS the bid is non-compliant;

WHEREAS the non-compliance is due to the submission of the bid by email instead of the required method through the Système électronique d'appel d'offres (SEAO);

WHEREAS the non-compliance clause identified in the tendering process renders Tender No. 25510B004 invalid and necessitates its cancellation;

WHEREAS the bid submitted is satisfactory from a technical perspective, and the supplier has completed multiple projects for the Western Québec School Board and currently holds the contract for the inspection and maintenance of the fire alarm systems;

WHEREAS the bid price is considered reasonable and falls within the acceptable range of the project cost estimates;

WHEREAS the Director of Material Resources & Information Technology recommends that the contract be awarded to Deslauriers by Mutual Agreement, and the contract number is 25510G004;

WHEREAS The Executive Committee has recommended with its resolution #E-25/26-157 that Council award the contract to Deslauriers and authorize the Director of Material Resources & Information Technology, Mr. Soufiane El Ouezzani, to sign all tender and contract documents;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Moore and seconded by Commissioner Green that, as recommended by the Director of Material Resources & Information Technology, and the Executive Committee, Council award the contract to Deslauriers and authorize, the Director of Material Resources & Information Technology, Mr. Soufiane El Ouezzani, to sign all tender and contract documents.

Carried unanimously

C-25/26-144. Public Tender – Projects with an Opening Date During the Summer

WHEREAS tenders for the following contracts will open after June 30, 2026:

SCHOOL	PROJECT / OPERATIONAL CONTRACT	ESTIMATED CONTRACT COST
Onslow	Complete Renovation of Onslow Elementary School	**$3,200,000**
All Schools	Standing Offer Contract for Caretaker Supplies - 3-year contract	**$1,300,000**
Hull Adult Education Centre**	Paving of the parking	**$300,000**

Greater Gatineau**	Paving of the Greater Gatineau school yard	**$250,000**
St-Michael**	Paving of the parking	**$250,000**
All Schools	Inspection and Preventive Maintenance Services for Fire Protection Systems - 3-year contract	**$250,000**
South Hull	Renovation of washrooms	**$200,000**
Greater Gatineau	Purchase of Lockers	**$110,000**
Hull Adult Education Centre	Replacement of Damaged Ventilation Ductwork at HAED	**$75,000**
Greater Gatineau	Purchase and installation of cubbies	**$70,000**

WHEREAS the projects marked with an asterisk (**) are recommended for inclusion in the execution plan of 2025-2026 to be undertaken, should funding become available within the established expenditure target during the fall period;

WHEREAS the opening results of the above-mentioned projects will be presented at the Executive Committee and Council of Commissioners meetings in September 2026;

WHEREAS the Executive Committee recommends that:

The projects marked with an asterisk (**) be added to the execution plan of 2025-2026.

That Council authorize the Director General, Mr. Pascal Proulx, to sign all tender documents, and that the Material Resources and Information Technology Director, Mr. Soufiane El Ouezzani, report the results of these projects at the next Executive Committee and Council of Commissioners meetings in September 2026;

WHEREAS the Executive Committee has recommended with its resolution #E-25/26-159 that Council authorize Mr. Pascal Proulx, Director General, to sign all tender documents, and that Mr. Soufiane El Ouezzani, Director of Material Resources and Information Technology, report on the results of these projects at the next meetings of the Executive Committee and the Council of Commissioners in September 2026;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Cornforth, seconded by Parent-Commissioner Bouchard, that as recommended by the Executive

Committee, Council authorize Mr. Pascal Proulx, Director General, to sign all tender documents, and that Mr. Soufiane El Ouezzani, Director of Material Resources and Information Technology, report on the results of these projects at the next meetings of the Executive Committee and the Council of Commissioners in September 2026.

Carried unanimously

C-25/26-145. **Authorization of the Director General to Approve and Sign Contract Amendments Resulting in a Cumulative Increase of up to 20% of the Original Contract Value During the Summer Period**

WHEREAS construction projects are conducted during the summer period and no meetings of the Council of Commissioners are scheduled before September 29, 2026;

WHEREAS unforeseen circumstances, site conditions, regulatory requirements, or project-related needs may arise during the execution of a contract, requiring change orders, contract amendments, or additional work that must be approved promptly to ensure the successful completion of projects and adherence to established schedules;

WHEREAS such change orders or amendments may result in a cumulative increase to the original contract value exceeding ten per cent (10%) of the contract amount;

WHEREAS all change orders are reviewed and scrutinised by the Material Resources Department through the established change order review and approval process;

WHEREAS The Executive Committee has recommended with its resolution #E-25/26-160 that Council authorize the Director General, Mr. Pascal Proulx, to approve and sign contract amendments resulting in a cumulative increase of more than ten percent (10%) and up to twenty percent (20%) of the original contract value during the summer period; and that the Director of Material Resources and Information Technology, Mr. Soufiane El Ouezzani, report any such approved increases and provide the supporting rationale at the next meetings of the Executive Committee and the Council of Commissioners in September 2026;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Bélanger seconded by Commissioner Goldsbrough that as recommended by the Executive Committee, Council authorize the Director General, Mr. Pascal Proulx, to approve and sign contract amendments resulting in a cumulative increase of more than ten percent (10%) and up to twenty percent (20%) of the original contract value during the summer period; and that the Director of Material Resources and Information Technology, Mr. Soufiane El

Ouezzani, report any such approved increases and provide the supporting rationale at the next meetings of the Executive Committee and the Council of Commissioners in September 2026;

Carried unanimously

C-25/26-146. **Adoption of By-Laws 55 and 56 (2026-2027 Calendar of Meetings)**

WHEREAS the Executive Committee recommends that Council adopt the following By-Laws with its resolution # E-25/26-161;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Garner and seconded by Parent-Commissioner Bouchard that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, Council adopt the following By-Laws as presented:

• A By-Law to fix the day, time, and place of the regular meetings of the Council of Commissioners of the Western Québec School Board for the school year 2026-2027.

• A By-Law to fix the day, time, and place of the regular meetings of the Executive Committee of the Western Québec School Board for the school year 2026-2027.

Carried unanimously

C-25/26-147. **Derogation Request to Purchasing Policy No. D-11 to Enter into a Mutual Agreement with SPECTRUM for. The Critical Thinking Project – Mathematics Manipulation component**

WHEREAS the Western Québec School Board wishes to enter into a mutual agreement contract with SPECTRUM for the purchase of goods related to the Critical Thinking Project;

WHEREAS the funds for this project were made available only in May 2026, with a deadline of August 15 to complete the purchase of the goods;

WHEREAS a tender by invitation will take a considerable amount of time, given the nature of the goods, the quantities of the goods to be purchased and the availability of equivalent products;

WHEREAS there is a high risk of missing the August 15 deadline to complete the acquisition of the goods;

WHEREAS s. 6.4 Mutual Agreement Contract of the WQSB Purchasing Policy D-11 states that:

- The School Board may use a mutual agreement process for contracts of an estimated value below $5,000;
- The School Board communicates directly with at least one supplier, indicating the good(s), service(s) or construction work(s) required and any other relevant information;

- Before entering into a contract by mutual agreement, the School Board must ensure that fair prices and conditions are obtained;

WHEREAS the value of this contract to be entered into by mutual agreement is above the threshold of $5,000 for a mutual agreement contract;

WHEREAS the tendering process for a contract above $5,000 requires 3 written quotes;

WHEREAS Policy D-11, s. 7 provides an exception to the tendering process:

Except for contracts where the estimated expenditure is equal to or above the thresholds established by the Act Respecting Contracting by Public Bodies, the Council of Commissioners may authorize the School Board, in exceptional circumstances and for legitimate reasons, to enter into a contract without following the tendering processes described herein.

WHEREAS a sample of approximately 50 items were selected for price online price comparison with two other suppliers;

WHEREAS SPECTRUM's online prices are the lowest for most of the items sampled;

WHEREAS the maximum value of the purchase order will be set at $100,000, corresponding to the allocated funds for this purchase;

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Rhéault, Seconded by Commissioner Killeen, that Council approve the derogation request and enter into a mutual agreement contract with SPECTRUM for the supply of the goods identified for this Critical Thinking project and mandate the Director General to sign the necessary documents.

Carried unanimously

C-25/26-148. **Transfer of Ownership Negotiations – 799 1st Avenue, Val-d'Or**

WHEREAS the building located at 799 1st Avenue, Val-d'Or, owned by the Western Québec School Board, is currently vacant and no longer required for the Board's present or future needs;

WHEREAS the said building requires significant investment to be made operational and is not considered a priority within the School Board's capital investment plan given its vacant status;

WHEREAS preliminary discussions have taken place between representatives of the Western Québec School Board and the Centre de services scolaire de l'Or-et-des-Bois regarding the said property;

WHEREAS by letter dated June 2, 2026, the Centre de services scolaire de l'Or-et-des-Bois confirmed its interest in acquiring the said building in order to meet its space requirements;

WHEREAS the Centre de services scolaire de l'Or-et-des-Bois, through resolution CA_035_25-26, has authorized its Director General to negotiate an agreement setting out the terms and conditions for the acquisition of the immovable property;

WHEREAS section 272 of the *Education Act* provides that a school board may not, without the authorization of the Minister, alienate an immoveable, grant a dismemberment of the right of ownership, hypothecate, or demolish its immovable property;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Garner and seconded by Commissioner Goldsbrough that:

1. The Director General be authorized to negotiate an agreement with the Centre de services scolaire de l'Or-et-des-Bois setting out the terms and conditions for the transfer of the building located at 799 1st Avenue, Val-d'Or, on a mutually beneficial basis;
2. The Director General be authorized to submit the necessary applications to the Minister of Education to obtain the required authorization under the *Education Act*;
3. The Director General report back to the Council of Commissioners at the September Council meeting on the status and outcome of the negotiations for final review and approval.

Carried unanimously

C-25/26-149. **Sale of the building and property located at 34-C Chemin Stoney Batter, Clarendon, Quebec, J0X 2Y0 — PONTIAC COMMUNITY PLAYERS**

WHEREAS the building known as the former schoolhouse located at 34C Stoney Batter Road, Clarendon, Québec, owned by the Western Québec School Board, is vacant and no longer required for the educational purposes of the Board;

WHEREAS the said building is not listed in the Ministry of Education inventory and therefore does not generate operating or maintenance funding from the Ministry;

WHEREAS the building has not been actively maintained by the Board and is currently in poor condition;

WHEREAS by letter dated June 10, 2026, the Pontiac Community Players, a non-profit organization registered in Québec, expressed its interest in

acquiring the said building and submitted an offer in the amount of $10,000;

WHEREAS the Pontiac Community Players has supported and developed community theatre in the MRC de Pontiac and the Municipality of Pontiac for over twenty years, and its mission to serve the local community through the dramatic arts aligns with the Board's commitment to community development;

WHEREAS the continued use of the building by the Pontiac Community Players would ensure that it remains in active community use and preserves its contribution to the local area;

WHEREAS the Buildings Department recommends the sale of the building in its current condition, on an "as is where is" basis, without legal warranty of quality and at the purchaser's sole risk;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner McCrank and seconded by Commissioner Moore

1. THAT Council authorize the Director General to finalize negotiations with the Pontiac Community Players for the sale of the building and property located at 34-C Chemin Stoney Batter, Clarendon, Quebec, J0X 2Y0 on an "as is where is" basis, without legal warranty of quality.
2. THAT the Pontiac Community Players be responsible for all notarial fees and associated costs related to the transaction;
3. THAT the Director General report back to the Council of Commissioners at the September Council meeting on the status and outcome of the negotiations for final review and approval.

Carried unanimously

C-25/26-150. **Derogation Request to Purchasing Policy No. D-11 to Enter into a Mutual Agreement with Elevate HealthCare for the purchase of 2 mid-fidelity mannequins**

WHEREAS the Western Québec School Board wishes to enter into a mutual agreement contract with ELEVATE HEALTHCARE for the purchase of 2 mid-fidelity mannequins for the Western Quebec Career Center and the Pontiac Continuing Education Center;

WHEREAS the requirements are highly specific and must align with the curriculum;

WHEREAS a cost and model comparison has been conducted by the National RÉCIT representative, confirming that the mannequin from ELEVATE Healthcare meets the course requirements;

WHEREAS the estimation cost is $89,000;

WHEREAS s. 6.4 Mutual Agreement Contract of the WQSB Purchasing Policy D-11 states that:

a. The School Board may use a mutual agreement process for contracts of an estimated value below $5,000;

b. The School Board communicates directly with at least one supplier, indicating the good(s), service(s) or construction work(s) required and any other relevant information;

c. Before entering into a contract by mutual agreement, the School Board must ensure that fair prices and conditions are obtained;

WHEREAS the value of this contract to be entered into by mutual agreement is above the threshold of $5,000 for a mutual agreement contract;

WHEREAS the tendering process for a contract above $5,000 requires 3 written quotes;

WHEREAS Policy D-11, s. 7 provides an exception to the tendering process:

Except for contracts where the estimated expenditure is equal to or above the thresholds established by the Act Respecting Contracting by Public Bodies, the Council of Commissioners may authorize the School Board, in exceptional circumstances and for legitimate reasons, to enter into a contract without following the tendering processes described herein.

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Bouchard and seconded by Commissioner Bélanger, that Council approve the derogation request and enter into a mutual agreement contract with ELEVATE HEALTHCARE for the supply of the two mid-fidelity mannequins and mandate the Director General to sign the necessary documents.

Carried unanimously

*8:19 p.m. A 5-minute recess was called

** Call to Order: 8:26 p.m.

*** 8:35 – Commissioner Killeen lost power

C-25/26-151. Adoption of Risk Management Plan 2026-2027

WHEREAS section 4 in the *Directive concernant la gestion des risques en matière de corruption et de collusion dans les processus de gestion contractuelle* requires school boards to develop and approve an annual plan to manage risk regarding corruption and collusion in the contract management process;

WHEREAS in compliance with section 3 in the Directive, the Western Québec School Board established a risk management framework through the adoption of a Corruption and Collusion Risk Management Policy (D-12);

WHEREAS section 7 of Policy D-12 requires that a risk assessment and an evaluation of the implementation of the organization's previous annual risk management plan be conducted;

WHEREAS the administration conducted a reassessment of risks and evaluation of the implementation of WQSB's 2025-2026 Risk Management Plan;

WHEREAS the Western Québec School Board Risk Management Plan Against Corruption and Collusion in the Awarding of Contracts for the 2025-2026 Financial Year was developed considering the reassessment of risks and the evaluation of the implementation of the previous plan's actions;

WHEREAS the proposed Risk Management plan was reviewed by the Audit Committee in accordance with its mandate, "... seeing to the establishment of internal control mechanisms" (s. 193.1, Education Act);

WHEREAS the risk management plan must be approved by Council before the start of the financial year for which it is applicable;

WHEREAS a "Risk Management Plan Against Corruption and Collusion in the Awarding of Contracts for the 2026-2027 Financial Year" was reviewed and endorsed by the Audit Committee;

WHEREAS the Audit Committee, with its resolution # A-25/26-5, recommends Council approve the Risk Management Plan to Prevent Corruption and Collusion in the Contract Management Process for the 2026-2027 Financial Year;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner McCrank and seconded by Parent-Commissioner Rhéault that Council approve the Risk Management Plan to Prevent Corruption and Collusion in the Contract Management Process for the 2026-2027 Financial Year, as presented.

Carried unanimously

C-25/26-152. **Adoption of Revised By-Law 1 – Governance Rules for the Council of Commissioners and Committees of the Western Québec School Board**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Green, seconded by Commissioner Goldsbrough, that, as recommended by the Governance & Ethics Committee, the revised By-Law 1 – Governance Rules for the Council of Commissioners and Committees of the Western Québec School Board be adopted as presented.

Carried unanimously

C-25/26-153. **Adoption of Revised By-Law 15 – Code of Ethics**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Green seconded by Commissioner Cornforth that, as recommended by the Governance & Ethics Committee, the revised By-Law 15 – Code of Ethics be adopted as presented.

Carried unanimously

C-25/26-154. **Amendment to the Agenda**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Goldsbrough and seconded by Commissioner Bélanger that Agenda Item 9.6.1 be moved and considered in the place of Agenda Item 9.2.3.

Carried unanimously

C-25/26-155. **Transportation Committee Report of June 11, 2026**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Moore and seconded by Commissioner Bouchard that Council acknowledge receipt of the Transportation Committee minutes of June 11, 2026.

Carried unanimously

C-25/26-156. **Adoption of Revised Policy G-1 – Transportation Policy**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Bouchard, seconded by Commissioner Green, that, as recommended by the Transportation Committee and following the consultation process, the revised G-1 – Transportation Policy be adopted as presented.

For: 12
Abstention: 1 - Moore
Against: 0
Motion Carried

C-25/26-157. **Adoption of Revised Policy C-5 – Policy Outlining the Discipline Policy Process**

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Fortier, seconded by Parent-Commissioner Bouchard, that, as recommended by the Governance & Ethics Committee and following the consultation process, the revised C-5 – Policy Outlining the Discipline Policy Process be adopted as presented.

Carried unanimously

C-25/26-158. **Adoption of Revised Policy C-34 – Medical Health and Safety Policy**

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Fortier seconded by Commissioner Green, that as recommended by the Governance & Ethics Committee and following the consultation process, the revised Policy C-34 – Medical Health and Safety Policy be adopted as presented.

Carried unanimously

C-25/26-159. **Human Resources Committee Report of June 29, 2026**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Goldsbrough and seconded by Commissioner Bélanger that Council acknowledge receipt of the Human Resources Committee minutes of June 29, 2026.

Carried unanimously

C-25/26-160. **Motion to Extend 30 minutes**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner McCrank and seconded by Commissioner Goldsbrough to extend the meeting until 11:35 p.m.

Carried unanimously

C-25/26-161. **Adoption of Revised Policy F-18 – Prevention, Reporting and Processing of Cases of Psychological Harassment**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Golsdbrough, seconded by Commissioner Rhéault, that, as recommended by the Human Resources Committee and following the consultation process, the revised F-18 – Prevention, Reporting and Processing of Cases of Psychological Harassment be adopted as presented.

Carried unanimously

C-25/26-162. **Special Education Advisory Committee Report of May 5, 2026**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Fortier and seconded by Commissioner Bouchard that Council acknowledge receipt of the Special Education Advisory Committee minutes of May 5, 2026.

Carried unanimously

Adjournment

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m.