

**MINUTE BOOK****Organizational Board Meeting**

Minutes of the Organizational Board meeting of the Board of Trustees of Edmonton School Division of Alberta held in Centre for Education McCauley Chambers on Tuesday, October 10, 2023.

**Present:****Trustees**

Trisha Estabrooks  
Dawn Hancock  
Marcia Hole

Julie Kusiek  
Marsha Nelson

Sherri O'Keefe  
Jan Sawyer  
Saadiq Sumar

**Officials**

Angela Anderson  
Todd Burnstad  
Grace Cooke  
Andrea Cooper

Karen Mills  
Kathy Muhlethaler  
Kent Pharis  
Nancy Petersen

Cliff Richard  
Carrie Rosa  
Ron Thompson  
Liz Yule

**Acting Board Chair:** Julie Kusiek

**Recording Secretary:** Catherine Angeles

**A. Roll Call: 2:00 p.m.**

The Superintendent advised that all Trustees were present.

**B. Approval of the Agenda**

**MOVED BY Trustee Hole:**

**"That the agenda for the October 10, 2023, Organizational Board meeting be approved as printed."**

**(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**C. Reports****1. Confirmation of Board Positions**

**MOVED BY Trustee Sawyer:**

**"That recommendations 1 to 3 be approved."**

**(UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED)**

**MINUTE BOOK****RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1. That the Board elect a Chair.**
- 2. That the Board elect a Trustee to serve as their representative for the Edmonton Public Schools Foundation Board of Governors.**
- 3. That the Board hold elections at their October 10, 2023, public meeting for any other Board role vacancies created by the selection of a new chair and Foundation representative.**

1. Confirmation of Board Chair

The Acting Board Chair advised that Trustee Estabrooks resigned as Board Chair on October 5, 2023.

The Acting Board Chair called for nominations for the position of Board Chair.

Trustee O'Keefe nominated Trustee Kusiek. Trustee Kusiek accepted the nomination.

The Acting Board Chair, seeing that there were no further nominations, closed the nominations and declared herself elected by acclamation as Board Chair.

2. Representative Assignment

The Board Chair advised that Trustee O'Keefe stepped down from her role as the Board's representative on the Edmonton Public Schools Foundation on September 26, 2023.

The Board Chair called for nominations for one Trustee representative to serve on the Edmonton Public Schools Foundation Board of Governors.

Trustee O'Keefe nominated Trustee Hole. Trustee Hole accepted the nomination.

The Board Chair, seeing that there were no further nominations, closed the nominations and declared Trustee Hole elected to the Edmonton Public Schools Foundation Board of Governors.

3. Vacated Board Vice-Chair Position

The Board Chair called for nominations for the recently vacated position of Board Vice-Chair. This person will also serve as the Chair of the Caucus Committee.

Trustee Nelson nominated Trustee Sawyer. Trustee Sawyer accepted the nomination.

Trustee Hole nominated Trustee Sumar. Trustee Sumar accepted the nomination.

Each nominee gave a one-minute speech.

**MINUTE BOOK****MOVED BY Trustee Hancock:****“That the vote be by secret ballot.”****(UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED)**

Ms. Mills distributed the ballots. Ms. Mills collected the completed ballots and left the room with Superintendent Robertson to tabulate the results.

Ms. Mills and Superintendent Robertson returned to the room. Ms. Mills announced that Trustee Sawyer was elected as Board Vice-Chair.

**MOVED BY Trustee Nelson:****“That the ballots be destroyed.”****(UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED)**

The Board Chair advised that after the June 20, 2023, Organizational Board meeting Trustees Sawyer and Sumar were elected as the Board’s representatives for the Teaching Staff – Edmonton Public Teachers’ Local 37 Negotiation Committee. One representative, from this committee, will also serve as the Teachers’ Employer Bargaining Association (TEBA) representative. At that meeting, Trustees Sawyer and Sumar agreed to discuss the role of TEBA representative and report back to public Board. The Board Chair announced that Trustee Sumar will serve as the Board’s TEBA representative. She thanked Trustee Sumar for agreeing to serve in this role.

**D. Adjournment: 2:14 p.m.****The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.**

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Julie Kusiek, Board Chair

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Karen Mills, Director of Board and  
Superintendent Relations