



BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

MINUTES OF THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, THE BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION, HELD IN THE J. L. MILNE BOARDROOM, ADMINISTRATION OFFICE, 1031 - 6TH STREET, BRANDON, MANITOBA, AT 7:00 P.M., TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2025.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: K. Carr
K. Fallis
J. Murray
L. Ross
C. Ekenna
L. McConnell
D. Ross
B. Sieklicki (by phone)

ALSO PRESENT: D. Labossiere, Secretary-Treasurer
M. Gustafson, Superintendent/CEO
S. Gilleshammer, Assistant Superintendent – Student Services
J. Zilkey, Assistant Superintendent – Curriculum and Human Resources
J. McBeth, Executive Assistant
T. Curtis, Live Streaming Video Operator

The Secretary-Treasurer, Denis Labossiere, was in the Chair.

The Acting Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., with a traditional heritage acknowledgement, followed by a listening of O'Canada.

CALL:

The Acting Chairperson advised that the Inaugural Meeting of the Board had been called for the purpose of organization for the ensuing year, as set forth in the Agenda.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD:

The Acting Chairperson noted that Trustee L. Ross had requested her name be brought forth for the position of Chairperson of the Board for the ensuing year.

The Acting Chairperson invited further nominations for the position of Chairperson of the Board for the ensuing year, noting that a nominator only was required.

There were no further nominations for the position of Chairperson.

J. Murray – D. Ross
That nominations do now cease.

Carried.

The Acting Chairperson declared Trustee L. Ross to be duly elected by acclamation as Chairperson of the Board for the ensuing year commencing September 2, 2025.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD:

The Acting Chairperson noted that Trustee D. Ross and Trustee K. Fallis had requested their names be brought forth for the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Board for the ensuing year.

The Acting Chairperson invited further nominations for the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Board for the ensuing year, noting that a nominator only was required.

There were no further nominations for the position of Vice-Chairperson.

L. McConnell – K. Carr
That nominations do now cease.
Carried.

The Acting Chairperson invited Trustee D. Ross and Trustee K. Fallis to say a few words.

Trustee Ekenna inquired on the voting process. The Acting-Chair reviewed the process used for the voting and indicated that the vote count would be by secret ballot. Trustee Ekenna then asked if the count results could be made public, and the Acting-Chair referred the matter to the Board and requested a vote. By the show of hands, the Board voted to continue past practice of using a secret ballot and not make the count results public.

The Acting Chairperson declared Trustee D. Ross to be duly elected by majority vote as Vice-Chairperson of the Board for the ensuing year commencing September 2, 2025.

The Acting Chairperson asked for a motion to destroy the ballots.
J. Murray – C. Ekenna
Carried

The Acting Chairperson invited the newly elected Chairperson, L. Ross, to assume the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS:

Trustee L. Ross

"I would like to thank Trustees for their confidence in me in allowing me to do this job for another year. I look forward to this Board working cooperatively, not always unanimously, because life would be boring. I do think that we work well together, and I look forward to another year moving forward with the needs of our students in Brandon."

VICE-CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS:

Trustee D. Ross

"I would like to thank all of you for once again putting your faith in me to continue to act as Vice-Chair for the next year. I would agree with Linda, this is a strong Board and on most things we get along which is important because we are all growing in the same direction and that direction is the education of our children. I look forward to continuing to work with Senior Administration, with Linda and with you all on the Board here to continue to further that goal."

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S DECLARATION OF OCCUPATIONS OF TRUST:

The Secretary-Treasurer read a letter addressed to the Board of Trustees wherein he advised, in accordance with the provisions of Section 53(5) of The Public Schools Act, that he holds no occupations of trust other than that of Secretary-Treasurer of The Brandon School Division.

ADJOURNMENT:

C. Ekenna – K. Fallis

That the meeting is now adjourned (7:19 p.m.)

Carried.

Chairperson (L. Ross)

Secretary-Treasurer (D. Labossiere)