



# **BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK Catholic District School Board**

## **Minutes**

Catholic Education Centre  
322 Fairview Drive  
Brantford, ON N3T 5M8

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### **Special Meeting of the Board Tuesday May 20, 2025 ♦ 6:30 p.m. Board Room**

#### **Trustees:**

Carol Luciani (Chair), Dan Dignard (Vice Chair), Dennis Blake, Bill Chopp, Mark Watson

**Regrets:** Rick Petrella (on-leave)

#### **Senior Administration:**

Mike McDonald (Director of Education & Secretary) Rajini Nelson (Superintendent of Business & Treasurer)  
John Della Fortuna, Kevin Greco, Michael Lawlor, Phil Wilson (Superintendents of Education)

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## **1. Opening Business**

### **1.1 Opening Prayer**

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Chair Luciani.

### **1.2 Attendance**

### **1.3 Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the agenda of the May 20, 2025, Special Meeting of the Board.

**Carried**

### **1.4 Declaration of Interest - Nil**

## **2. Committee and Staff Reports**

### **2.1 Ministerial Governance Review Response**

Director McDonald presented the second ministerial governance review response report. At a special meeting of the Board on May 13, 2025 the Board of Trustees approved the BHNCDNB's proposed first response to the Ministry Governance Review and Ministerial Action items. The Director explained that to date the Board has been able to reduce the debt to \$37,700.00 and will continue its attempts to further reduce this amount. The trustees will attempt to solicit donations from private donors, Catholic organizations and diocesan organizations. These efforts to eliminate the cost to the Board will hope to be completed by September 1, 2025.

It was confirmed that the communication to the Minister of Education will include individual Trustee names, and the amount that is repaid by each trustee to the Board as it is an individual decision. It was also confirmed that no ministry money can be used to pay for the statues, it must be collected through donations. There was discussion as to what the possible next steps would be from the minister. There was also discussion with regards to what funds the BHNCDNB could use to furnish the chapel in relation to what other Boards do.



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Moved by: Dan Dignard  
Seconded by: Bill Chopp

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the continued negotiation with the sculptor, and soliciting of donations, to reduce the cost of the commissioned artwork, in fulfilment of the Ministerial direction regarding same.

**Carried**

### **3. Closing Prayer**

The meeting was closed with prayer led by Chair Luciani.

### **6. Adjournment**

Moved by: Dennis Blake  
Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourns the May 20, 2025, Special Meeting of the Board.

**Carried**

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**Next meeting:** Tuesday, May 27, 2025, 7:00 p.m. – Boardroom