

Pursuant to Statute and Declaration by the Board, the Inaugural Meeting of The River East Transcona School Division was duly called and held on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Allen Rouse Room, 589 Roch Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

**TRUSTEES PRESENT:**

B. Bage	S. Hanson
C. Carswell	S. Hiebert
R. Giesbrecht	S. Irwin
B. Goertzen	K. Morrison
S. Olynik	

**ALSO PRESENT:**

S. Herbst, Superintendent/CEO  
K. Boyd, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Programming  
C. Colorado, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources  
J. Drysdale, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services and Planning  
J. Olafson, Assistant Superintendent, Student Services  
E. Downey, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO  
K. Jarmuske, Recording Secretary

Secretary-Treasurer E. Downey called the meeting to order and, in accordance with Section 29(2) of the Public Schools Act, took the chair to preside at the election of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board for the 2025/2026 term, and declared the meeting officially open.

**Treaty Acknowledgment**

River East Transcona School Division is located on the original lands of the Anishinaabeg, Ininiwak, Anishininiwak, Dakota, and Dene peoples, and on the homeland of the Red River Métis. We recognize our part of the Treaty relationship and, as acknowledgement of the harms done, we commit to collaborating with Indigenous communities in the shared spirit of Truth and Reconciliation for the healing and inclusion of all who share this Land.

In accordance with Section 53(5) of the Public Schools Act, the Secretary-Treasurer reported to the Board regarding Occupations of Trust. E. Downey reported that an occupation of trust exists.

The voting procedures were reviewed and agreed upon.

**Scrutineers**

Assistant Superintendent Boyd and Assistant Superintendent Olafson were appointed as Scrutineers for the ballot counts.

**ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR THE 2025/2026 TERM**

**Nominations** were then declared open for **BOARD CHAIR**.

Trustee Hanson nominated Trustee Carswell.

Following the third call for further nominations, it was declared that nominations close.

TRUSTEE Carswell was acclaimed as BOARD CHAIR for the 2025/2026 term.

**Nominations** were then declared open for **BOARD VICE-CHAIR**.

Trustee Hanson nominated Trustee Olynik.

Following the third call for further nominations, it was declared that nominations close.

TRUSTEE Olynik was acclaimed as VICE-CHAIR for the 2025/2026 term.

Secretary-Treasurer, E. Downey turned the Chair over to Trustee Carswell for the balance of the meeting.

**BOARD CHAIR C. CARSWELL IN THE CHAIR:**

Trustee Carswell thanked the Trustees for the confidence they have placed in her.

**SETTING OF TIME FOR BOARD MEETINGS**

166/25

MOVED by Trustee Irwin, (S) Trustee Bage THAT the Board meetings be scheduled for the first and third Tuesday of every month, commencing at 6:30 p.m.

Unanimous

**ELECTION OF STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS FOR THE 2025/2026 TERM**

**Finance, Facilities, Transportation and Technology:**

Trustee Olynik nominated Trustee Goertzen.

Following the third call for further nominations, it was declared that nominations close.

TRUSTEE Goertzen was acclaimed as CHAIR OF THE FINANCE, FACILITIES, TRANSPORTATION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE for the 2025/2026 term.

**ELECTION OF STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS FOR THE 2025/2026 TERM** (continued)

**Program, Policy Review and Personnel:**

Trustee Hiebert nominated Trustee Bage.

Following the third call for further nominations, it was declared that nominations close.

TRUSTEE Bage was acclaimed as CHAIR OF THE PROGRAM, POLICY REVIEW AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE for the 2025/2026 term.

**Negotiations:**

Trustee Irwin nominated Trustee Hanson.

Following the third call for further nominations, it was declared that nominations close.

TRUSTEE Hanson was acclaimed as CHAIR OF THE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE for the 2025/2026 term.

**ELECTION OF STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THE 2025/2026 TERM**

**Finance, Facilities, Transportation and Technology:**

167/25

MOVED by Trustee Bage, (S) Trustee Olynik THAT the Finance, Facilities, Transportation and Technology Standing Committee members for the 2025/2026 term be Trustees Goertzen (Chair), Irwin and Morrison.

Unanimous

**Program, Policy Review and Personnel:**

168/25

MOVED by Trustee Goertzen, (S) Trustee Morrison THAT the Program, Policy Review and Personnel Standing Committee members for the 2025/2026 term be Trustees Bage (Chair), Hanson and Hiebert.

Unanimous

**Negotiations Committee**

169/25

MOVED by Trustee Irwin, (S) Trustee Hiebert THAT the Negotiations Standing Committee members for the 2025/2026 term be Trustees Hanson (Chair), Olynik and Giesbrecht.

Unanimous

**SETTING OF TIME FOR STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THE 2025/2026 TERM**

170/25

MOVED by Trustee Goertzen, (S) Trustee Morrison THAT the setting of meeting dates and times for the following committees be referred to the first meeting of each committee;

- a) Finance, Facilities, Transportation and Technology Committee;
- b) Program, Policy Review and Personnel Committee;

AND FURTHER THAT meetings of the Negotiations Committee be called by the chair of that committee as necessary.

Unanimous

**SELECTION OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**Budget Review:**

171/25

MOVED by Trustee Olynik, (S) Trustee Bage THAT the Budget Review Committee be comprised of the Finance, Facilities, Transportation and Technology Committee sitting as a Committee of the Whole.

Unanimous

**Personal Professional Development Fund:**

172/25

MOVED by Trustee Goertzen, (S) Trustee Morrison THAT Trustees Hanson and Irwin be appointed to the Personal Professional Development Fund Committee.

Unanimous



**Motion of Adjournment**

173/25

MOVED by Trustee Goertzen, (S) Trustee Morrison THAT we do now adjourn at 6:48 p.m.

Unanimous

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Board Chair (C. Carswell)

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Secretary-Treasurer/CFO (E. Downey)