Central Okanagan Public Schools
Together We Learn

BOARD OF EDUCATION INAUGURAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Central Okanagan Board of Education acknowledged that this meeting was held on the unceded, Traditional Territory of the Okanagan People.

Date: **Tuesday, November 10, 2026**

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1. **Delta Carmichael, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO and Acting Chairperson,** called the meeting to order.

2. **Appointment of Scrutineers**
   The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO appointed the following as scrutineers for the meeting:
   Raquel Steen, Assistant Superintendent
   Mona Essler, Executive Assistant to Superintendent of Schools

3. **Election of Chair**
   Trustee Valene Johnson was acclaimed as Chair of the Board of Education for the Central Okanagan Public Schools for the upcoming year.

4. **Election of Vice-Chair**
   Trustee Lisa Guderyan was acclaimed as Vice-Chair of the Board of Education for the Central Okanagan Public Schools for the upcoming year.

5. **Banking Authorization**
   The statutory bank authority forms be duly executed, naming the Chair or alternately the Vice-Chair, jointly with the Secretary-Treasurer/CFO or alternately the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, as signing officers for the Board of Education, School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan).

6. **Authorization to Conduct Official Business**
   The Superintendent of Schools or the Secretary-Treasurer/CFO, in the event of a critical situation that requires expedient action, be authorized to transact financial business for and on behalf of the Board of Education.

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8. **Authorization for Temporary Borrowing (Annual Line of Credit)**
   In accordance with the provisions of Section 139 of the School Act, the Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan), effective January 1, 2027 to December 31, 2027 authorize the Secretary-Treasurer/CFO to arrange for a borrowing line and credit of an amount not to exceed $5,000,000 to meet current operating and debt services expenditures, but all money so borrowed shall be repaid not later than six months from the date of borrowing.

9. **Election of Board Standing Committee Chairs**
   The Board Chair is the ex-officio member of all Board Committees. The **General Affairs Committee** is a Committee of the Whole, chaired by the Vice-Chair. The membership of the **Coordinating Committee** is the Board Chair and Vice-Chair.

Education and Student Services Committee
Chair: Trustee Samuel Robson

Finance and Planning Committee
Chair: Trustee Jim Strachan

Policy Committee
Chair: Trustee Lisa Guderyan

Executive Staff Management Committee
Chair: Trustee Richard Gauthier

10. Appointment of Trustee Representatives to Indigenous Education Council

Regular representative: Trustee Lisa Guderyan
Regular representative: Trustee Richard Gauthier
Alternate representative: Trustee Joyce Brinkerhoff

11. Election of Board Representatives to Provincial Representative Assemblies

BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) Provincial Council
Regular representative: Trustee Richard Gauthier
Alternate: Trustee Sean Sookochoff

BC Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) Representative Council
Regular representative: Trustee Samuel Robson
Alternate: Trustee Valene Johnson

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