

board highlights

Board of Directors Meeting | May 7, 2025

CASS Grades 7-9 Curriculum Feedback

- A comprehensive 70-page report for Grades 7-9 Social Studies, Mathematics, Physical Education & Wellness, and Career Education & Financial Literacy curricula was submitted from CASS.
- The ministry has acknowledged the extensive feedback. The upcoming piloting year will be critical for gathering further input to inform refinements.

Leading to Support Effective Governance CEP Course – French

- The French language CEP course, previously approved by the Board, will be offered as a pre-conference course in conjunction with the summer conference.

Alberta Education Consultation

- Fiona Cavanaugh and David Milne from Alberta Education presented a new interactive online public course catalogue, transitioning from a static PDF to a dynamic tool with real-time updates, including course prerequisites, curriculum links, and credit information.
- The catalogue aims to support school authorities and students by aligning courses with career pathways, enhancing exploration, and planning for future opportunities.
- A demonstration was given, and Board feedback for improvement is being requested.

APLC Regional Consortium Names

- As part of the APLC's restructuring, formal names for each regional office (except The Consortium Francophone) were recommended effective July 1, 2025.
- This supports regional identity within a unified APLC. Temporary names in the funding manual will be updated in the next edition.

Recommendation of Auditor and Process for Engagement

- The Metrix group was approved to be the auditor for the next three years.
- The Board believes that a three-year term commitment would be beneficial for continuity and effectiveness.

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Review of Risk Management Report

- The risk assessment process was reviewed and the annual report confirmed that all risks are being appropriately mitigated.
- Within a regulatory framework, ensuring provincial compliance with CEP implementation requires continued diligence. Constant communication will address this concern.

New CASS Francophone Director

- The Francophone superintendents met and appointed Dolorèse Nolette, superintendent for Conseil Scolaire du Nord-Ouest, to be the Francophone Director for the Board for a two-year term.

Metro Director Board Representative Update

- The Metro Superintendents discussed their representation on the Board and appointed Joanne Pitman, Superintendent for Calgary Board of Education, to be the Metro Director for the Board for a two-year term.
- Edmonton Public Schools and then Calgary Catholic Schools will be the next successors in the two-year rotation.

TAVE Committee Appointment of Chair

- The Board approved the appointment of Sean Lougheed as Chair for the TAVE committee over the next two years, should the committee remain active.

Continuing Education Program (CEP) Updates

- The CEP Committee, as outlined in its Terms of Reference, advises the Governance and Nominating Committee (GNC), which in turn reports to the CASS Board of Directors.
- Throughout the 2024–25 school year, the CEP Committee held regular meetings to develop and refine recommendations for improving the CEP.
- At the April 30th GNC meeting, the committee presented five key recommendations, which were approved by the Board. These recommendations are as follows:
 - 2025–26 CEP Professional Learning Plan
 - Annual CEP Survey
 - Five New CEP courses
 - Revised AP–300 Policy
 - New Committee – Professional Learning Terms of Reference