

# board highlights

## Board of Directors Meeting | January 8-9, 2026

### **Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act Timeline Update**

- The Board received confirmation that all submissions to the Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act review, including the CASS submission (RS-PIDA2025-002), were accepted by the legislative committee, and posted publicly.

### **Strategic Response to Emerging Education Pressures**

- The Board discussed the increasing pressures facing system education leaders, including the impacts of recent labour disruption and the provincial education system review.
- The Board considered how CASS can continue to support system education leaders through responsive advocacy, targeted member supports, and alignment of learning opportunities with current needs.

### **Aggression and Complexity in Schools**

- The Board discussed the Aggression and Complexity in Schools Action Team Report, noting its significant operational and system-level implications.
- Direction was provided to pursue strategic engagement, particularly regarding cross-ministry collaboration, early intervention, and inclusive education.

### **CASS Board Governance and Executive Terms**

- The Board reviewed its governance structure and executive term lengths, agreeing to maintain existing presidential term provisions under the Bylaws while recognizing that leadership continuity is supported through established succession structures.

### **Indigenous Education Gathering – Future Dates**

- The Board approved dates for the Indigenous Education Gathering in 2029 and 2030 (April 25–27, 2029 and May 1–3, 2030) and directed administration to proceed with a request for proposals for a potential multi-year venue contract.

### **Board Effectiveness and Zone Priorities**

- The Board reviewed the annual Board effectiveness survey and emphasized the importance of completion by January 30, 2026.
- The Board also discussed the use of a zone priorities survey to inform advocacy efforts aligned with the CASS strategic plan and current ministerial priorities.

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## **Grades 7–9 Science Curriculum Review**

- The Board confirmed participation in the Ministry-led Grades 7–9 Science Curriculum review, following the established representation model used in previous curriculum reviews, and reviewed timelines and requirements for providing consolidated feedback.

## **Rebuilding Trust in Alberta's K-12 Education System**

- The Board engaged in a substantive discussion on rebuilding trust following recent labour disruption.
- The discussion emphasized sustained leadership actions that affirm the teaching profession, elevate authentic teacher voice, acknowledge professional workload, and consistently frame education initiatives through student success.