

# board highlights

## Board of Directors Meeting I June 4-5, 2026

### Strategic Planning

- The Board participated in strategic planning discussions for 2026/27.
- Planning was facilitated by Big Picture Public Affairs.
- Focus was placed on future priorities and organizational direction.

### Board Committee Appointments

- All Board and Standing Committee vacant positions were filled.
- Every Board Director now has committee representation.

### Conditional Grant Final Report

- The Board approved the draft final report for Conditional Grant #2025-0001.
- Grant initiatives supported leadership development, curriculum implementation, Indigenous education, career pathways, and student well-being.
- The final supporting documents and financial information will be incorporated prior to submission to the Ministry by June 30, 2026.

### Alberta Professional Learning Consortium (APLC)

- The Board received updates on curriculum implementation, professional learning, and strategic planning.
- Career Education Grant initiatives were successfully completed, including the launch of a new website.
- The Board also received the 2026 Assurance Survey Report.

### 2026/27 Draft Budget

- The Board approved the first draft budget for 2026/27.
- Regulated member fees will decrease by 5% while maintaining key services.
- Discussion included conference sustainability, government relations, and future budget priorities.

### Protection of Privacy Act (POPA) and Privacy Management Programs

- The Board discussed implementation challenges related to POPA and Privacy Management Programs.
- The Board identified a need for practical resources, training, and provincial guidance.
- Privacy supports may be included within a future conditional grant proposal.

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## **Student Support Policy Framework**

- Engagement provided opportunities for system education leaders to contribute to provincial policy development.
- Collaboration strengthened CASS' role as a trusted education partner.

## **Bill 25 Implementation**

- The Board reviewed CASS' submission to Alberta Education and Childcare.
- Concerns within the submission were raised regarding timelines, implementation requirements, and operational impacts.
- Advocacy efforts continue to support school authorities during implementation.

## **Indigenous Education Gathering**

- River Cree Resort was approved as the venue for 2027–2029.
- Registration fees will increase beginning in 2027 to support long-term affordability and sustainability.
- Additional Ministry support and cost-saving opportunities will continue to be explored.

## **2026/27 Conditional Grant Proposal**

- The Board reviewed preliminary priorities and potential deliverables.
- Feedback was provided to strengthen alignment with provincial priorities.
- A revised proposal will be provided to the Board in September for approval.

## **Risk Management**

- The Annual Risk Management Report confirmed CASS remains in a stable position.
- Effective mitigation strategies and financial controls are in place.
- Delegation of Authority processes continue to support accountability and oversight.

## **Continuing Education Program (CEP)**

- The Board approved the new CEP course, *Developing Political Acumen: Fostering Relationships and Influencing Policy for Student Success*.
- The course will be offered at the 2026 Summer Learning Conference.