

board highlights

Board of Directors Meeting | September 3-4, 2026

2026/27 Pre-audit Budget

- The Board approved the second draft pre-audit 2026/27 budget, maintaining the previously established assumptions and commitment to a balanced budget.
- Budget adjustments reflect the cancellation of Start Right and Leading for Learning, with reductions to selected expense lines to address the revenue shortfall.
- A finalized budget will be returned to the Board in October before presentation to regulated members at the November AGM.

2026/27 Conditional Grant Proposal

- Alberta Education and Childcare has responded favourably to the proposed scope, which includes 21 projects and an exploration of conditions that optimize principals as instructional leaders.
- The total request is approximately \$600,000, including an anticipated \$150,000 carry-forward from the previous grant.
- Ministry review will inform any amendments before the final scope is confirmed.

Life Member Conference Registration

- The Board reviewed the long-standing practice of complimentary fall and annual conference registration for life members.
- Effective September 1, 2026, life members will pay the full applicable registration fee for CASS fall and annual conferences.

APLC Strategic Planning and 2026/27 Priorities

- The Board accepted APLC's September Quarterly Report highlighting professional learning and operational accomplishments from June through August 2026.
- The Board also accepted The Consortium's Strategic Plan 2026-2028 and acknowledged APLC's continued support for professional learning across Alberta.

Board Governance Committees

- The Board reviewed standing committee mandate memos and work plans to clarify responsibilities and support CASS governance priorities.
- Finalized committee meeting dates will be consolidated and calendar invitations distributed.

Start Right and Leading for Learning

- Survey feedback confirmed the programs remain valued, with low registration linked primarily to timing, hiring cycles, summer priorities, and limited numbers of new administrators.

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- The Board recommended scheduling the programs in August immediately before the CASS/ASBOA Summer Learning Conference, beginning in 2027.

Zone Director Roles and Responsibilities

- The Board reviewed Bylaws 1-34 and 1-35 and reaffirmed that zone directors represent zone perspectives while making decisions in the best interests of the College as a whole.
- Directors play a key role in two-way communication, formal zone resolutions, reporting Board decisions, and keeping the Board informed of significant zone matters.

Board Governance - First Vice President

- Krimsen Sumners was appointed First Vice President for the 2026-2027 term.
- In accordance with the approved succession plan, the appointment will result in Krimsen Sumners assuming the Presidency for the 2027-2028 term.

Bylaw Amendment - CASS President Qualification

- The Board approved a proposed Bylaw amendment requiring the CASS President to be a regulated member currently employed and serving as the chief superintendent of an Alberta school authority.
- The President must maintain this eligibility throughout the term of office, and the proposed amendment will be presented at upcoming zone meetings.

Career Education Conditional Grant Final Report

- The Board approved the CASS/APLC 2025-2026 Career Education Conditional Grant Final Report.
- The grant supported evidence-informed professional learning, provincial collaboration, and leadership resources designed to strengthen career education and student transitions across Alberta.

CEP Course Eligibility

- The Board determined that CEP accreditation courses will be reserved exclusively for regulated members to protect the intended professional learning environment and support accreditation requirements.
- AP 300 - CEP Accreditation has been updated to reflect the revised eligibility requirement.

Revised Alberta Professional Practice Standards

- The Board reviewed changes to the TQS, LQS, and SLQS that came into effect September 1, 2026. The overall competency frameworks remain unchanged.
- CASS' comparative analysis is now posted in the member portal to assist members in understanding and applying the revised standards in practice.

CRA Audit and GST Update

- CRA assessed CASS \$63,510.24 following its audit of GST returns for a variety of classifications for July 2023 through June 2025. The assessment will result in this money being returned to the CRA. New controls are being implemented to ensure appropriate GST classification going forward.
- Qualifying CASS CEP courses have been determined to be GST-exempt.
- A formal motion regarding payment of the assessment will be considered in October once further information on the viability of an appeal is available.

Teacher Qualifications Service Review

- The Board will provide input to the Teacher Salary Qualifications Board review of TQS Principles, Governance and Processes through a digital feedback form.
- The form will include an additional question inviting case studies or specific examples of challenges, along with proposed resolutions or changes.
- Board feedback will inform CASS' submission ahead of the October 15, 2026 deadline.

ICSEI 2027 Platinum Sponsorship

- CASS will support the 40th International Congress for School Effectiveness and Improvement in Banff, January 4-8, 2027, through Platinum Sponsorship.
- The Board approved applying the remaining \$29,228 from the McConnell Foundation Wellness Grant toward the \$30,000 sponsorship, with CASS contributing approximately \$800.