



**YELLOWKNIFE EDUCATION DISTRICT NO. 1
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

**June 24, 2026 – 12:10 PM
In-person and online via Google Meet**

Trustees Present: Allan Shortt, David Wasylciw, Jason Snaggs (online),
Michelle Peters, Terry Brookes (online) and Tina Drew

Regrets: Barbara Bell

Administration Present: Shirley Zouboules, Landon Kowalzik, and Pat Thagard

Meeting Chairperson: Allan Shortt

Meeting Minutes by: Pat Thagard

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:11 PM.
Six (6) Trustees were in attendance. Quorum was met.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Chairperson Shortt respectfully acknowledged that we live, work and learn on Chief Drygeese Territory in the Akaitcho region, the traditional territory of the Yellowknives Dene First Nation.

3. Chairperson's Opening Remarks

Chairperson Shortt extended a welcome to all attendees.

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None declared.

5. Adoption of Agenda

Motion #: 01/06-24/25-26

I move that the YK1 Board of Trustees adopt the June 24, 2026, Special Board Meeting agenda, as presented.

Moved by: Trustee Brookes Seconded by: Trustee Peters

Carried

6. Trustee Statements

None.

7. Unfinished Business

7.1 Approval of Policy 5 - Board By-Laws

Motion #: 02/06-24/25-26

I move that the YK1 Board of Trustees approve Policy 5 - Board By-Laws as presented for first reading.

Moved by: Trustee Brookes Seconded by: Trustee Shortt

Carried

Trustee Brookes called a Point of Order. After some discussion, Chairperson Shortt supported the Point of Order and called for a vote on the motion. The vote was followed by a motion to amend.

Motion #: 03/06-24/25-26

I move that the YK1 Board of Trustees amend the existing version of Policy 5 on the YK1 website by adding the required election paragraph to the existing version of Policy 5 - By-Laws in the space immediately after the Purpose section of Policy 5.

Moved by: Trustee Wasylciw Seconded by: Trustee Snaggs

Carried

A Point of Order by Trustee Brookes before the vote on amended motion 03/06-24/25-26 was not supported by Chairperson Shortt.

Motion #: 04/06-24/25-26

I move that the YK1 Board of Trustees approve the second reading of Policy 5 - By-Laws, as amended.

Moved by: Trustee Wasylciw Seconded by: Trustee Drew

Carried

Motion #: 05/06-24/25-26

I move that the YK1 Board of Trustees have the third reading of Policy 5 - By-Laws, as amended.

Moved by: Trustee Wasylciw Seconded by: Trustee Drew

Carried

Motion #: 06/06-24/25-26

I move that the YK1 Board of Trustees approve the third reading of Policy 5 - By-Laws, as amended.

Moved by: Trustee Wasylciw Seconded by: Trustee Peters

Carried

Trustee Drew asked that all trustees provide feedback, at their earliest convenience, on the proposed Policy & Governance Committee revisions to Policy 5 - By-Laws.

8. New Business

8.1 Advocacy Regarding City Taxes

Motion #: 07/06-24/25-26

I move that the YK1 Board of Trustees direct the Chair of the Board of Trustees for YK1 to advocate on behalf of YK1 regarding appropriate funding mechanisms.

Moved by: Trustee Shortt Seconded by: Trustee Drew

Tabled

The need for a deeper discussion about the development of an advocacy plan was raised and resulted in the following motion.

Motion #: 08/06-24/25-26

I move that the YK1 Board of Trustees table motion 07/06-24/25-26.

Moved by: Trustee Wasylciw Seconded by: Trustee Drew

Carried

A suggestion was raised to issue a public announcement in the near future explaining the reasons behind the initial funding request. Trustees noted they have received some feedback so far, ranging from positive support to minimal concern regarding an increase. Additionally, emphasis was placed on the ongoing challenges some schools are facing as a result of support reductions implemented this school year.

Motion #: 09/06-24/25-26

I move that the YK1 Board of Trustees direct Chairperson Bell to work with the Yellowknife Catholic School Board to draft a public communique regarding property tax for the Board to review.

Moved by: Trustee Wasylciw Seconded by: Trustee Drew

Carried

9. Date and Time of Next Meetings

August 18, 2026	6:30 PM	Executive Session (In camera)
August 18, 2026	7:00 PM	Regular Board Meeting

8. Chairperson's Closing Remarks

Chairperson Bell thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

9. Adjournment

Motion #: 10/06-24/25-26

I move that the YK1 Board of Trustees, June 24, 2026, Special Board meeting be adjourned.

Moved by: Trustee Wasylciw Seconded by: Trustee Drew

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 12:42 PM

Meeting Chairperson - Trustee Shortt

Secretary Treasurer Vass