

Province of Quebec
Western Quebec School Board

Minutes of the **Council of Commissioners** meeting held on May 27, 2025, at the Western Quebec School Board office, 15, rue Katimavik at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair Labadie, Commissioners Brushey, Bélanger, Cornforth, Giannakoulis, Green, Goldsbrough, Garner, McCrank, Moore, Killeen, Parent-Commissioners Fortier, Bouchard, Rhéault and James.

PERSONNEL: Director of Complementary Services L. Falasconi, Director of Human Resources A. Paquin, Director of Buildings and Information Technology S. El Ouezzani, Contract Compliance Officer A. Gendron, and Head of Administrative Management R. Vincent.

The Director General, Mr. G. Singfield, the Secretary General, Mr. E. Keon, and the Assistant Director General / Director of Human Resources, Mr. P. Proulx, were also present.

- Land acknowledgement by: Commissioner Moore

Call to Order: 6:30 p.m.

C-24/25-145 **Motion to suspend the Rules**
IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Bouchard and seconded by Commissioner Goldsbrough to permit Commissioner-elect Isabelle Richard to engage in discussions without voting rights.

Carried unanimously

C-24/25-146 **Adoption of Agenda**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Cornforth and seconded by Commissioner Green that the agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried unanimously

C-24/25-147 **Adoption of Minutes**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Killeen and seconded by Commissioner Brushey that the minutes of a meeting held on April 29, 2025, be adopted as circulated.

Carried unanimously

Chair's report:

Chair Labadie addressed the council on various subjects during her report. Topics discussed were:

- Thanking the steering committee for the Spring Conference.
- Total participation in the Spring Conference exceeded 350.
- A shout-out to PHS students who performed Grease at the Spring Conference.
- Various legal challenges and their impact on the Quebec English school system.
- Funding for the legal battles

DG Report:

The Director General presented his oral report, and the topics discussed were:

- Feedback on the Spring Conference
- The PETES Lab-Ecole inauguration will take place on June 9 in the Afternoon
- Staffing Plan for 2025-2026
- Cellphone ban
- Application for additional DG-ECQ Projects
- Board-wide Recognition
- Destination Imagination Global Tournament – D'Arcy students came in third place!
- Summer School
- Various school initiatives

C-24/25-148**Approval of the 2025-2026 Staffing Plan**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Goldsbrough and seconded by Parent-Commissioner Fortier that the Council approve the 2025-2026 staffing plan as presented by the Director General.

Carried unanimously

C-24/25-149**Additional ECQ (Entente Canada Québec) Funding Request**

WHEREAS directors general and assistant directors general were advised at their May 14 meeting that they were eligible to apply for additional ECQ funding;

WHEREAS the parameters for funding were provided to the directors general and assistant directors general by the Strategic Coordinator of the DSREA (Direction de Soutien Réseau Éducatif Anglophone);

WHEREAS the senior directors' team collaborated to submit the proposals for funding based on the provided parameters:

- 1) Modernisation de l'atelier de soudure (160 000 \$);
- 2) L'école à l'écoute : stratégies de prévention, les outils sensoriels (75 000 \$);

3) Accélération du remplacement des fournitures de classe (500 000 \$);

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Garner and seconded by Commissioner Cornforth to approve the proposed projects, contingent on receiving the requested ECQ funding.

Carried unanimously

C-24/25-150

Executive Committee Report – April 22, 2025

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Cornforth and seconded by Commissioner Killeen that the Council acknowledge receipt of the Executive Committee minutes of April 22, 2025.

Carried unanimously

C-24/25-151

Executive Committee Report – May 8, 2025 – Special Meeting

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Fortier and seconded by Commissioner Killeen that the Council acknowledge receipt of the Executive Committee minutes of a Special Meeting held on May 8, 2025.

Carried unanimously

C-24/25-152

Public Tender – Lord Aylmer Junior Campus - Renovation of 4 Restroom Blocks 1.220, 2.312, 2.314 and 2.318 – Contract #24510B014

WHEREAS an amount of \$350,000.00 was set aside from 2024-2025 Measure 50621;

WHEREAS a public tender was completed;

WHEREAS the following persons and/or businesses retrieved the tender documents:

- 15888174 CANADA INC. (Mécanique MAP)
- Callfred Inc. (AppelleFred Inc.)
- DEFRAN INCORPORÉE
- 6739741 CANADA INC. (GESTION D.M.J.)
- 3955788 CANADA INC. (DMA Construction)
- J.B. Construction Inc.
- Les entreprises Le-Bo Construction Inc.
- ACQ – Région de l'Outaouais
- D.L.S. CONSTRUCTION INC.
- LEXCO CONSTRUCTION INC.

WHEREAS the following bids were received:

GESTION D.M.J.	\$188,982.00
D.L.S. CONSTRUCTION INC.	\$189,800.00
Callfred Inc. (AppelleFred Inc.)	\$221,333.00

LEXCO CONSTRUCTION INC.	\$230,000.00
DEFRAN INCORPORÉE	\$231,422.00

WHEREAS the lowest bid conformed;

WHEREAS, by its resolution E-24/25-90, the Executive Committee recommends that the Council award the contract to GESTION D.M.J.;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Goldsbrough and seconded by Parent-Commissioner Bouchard that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, Council award the contract to **GESTION D.M.J.** and grant the Director of Buildings, Soufiane El Ouezzani, the authority to sign this contract.

Carried unanimously

C-24/25-153

Public Tender – Philemon Wright High School – Renovation of Bathrooms 1.2032, 1.2047, 1.2069, 1.2021 and 1.2019 – Contract #24510B022

WHEREAS an amount of \$1,472,248.00 was set aside from 2021-2022 Measure 50621 and an amount of \$527,751.00 was set aside from 2022-2023 Measure 50621;

WHEREAS a public tender was completed;

WHEREAS the following persons and/or businesses retrieved the tender documents:

- 15888174 CANADA INC. / ENTREPRISE MAP
- Callfred Inc. (AppelleFred Inc.)
- ACQ – Région de l'Outaouais
- DEFRAN INCORPORÉE
- 6739741 CANADA INC. (GESTION D.M.J.)
- LEXCO CONSTRUCTION INC.
- Les entreprises Le-Bo Construction Inc.
- Seguin Morris Inc.
- D.L.S. CONSTRUCTION INC.

WHEREAS the following bids were received:

D.L.S. CONSTRUCTION INC.	\$582,000.06
LEXCO CONSTRUCTION INC.	\$614,900.00
GESTION D.M.J.	\$623,665.00
DEFRAN INCORPORÉE	\$716,422.00

Les entreprises Le-Bo Construction Inc.	\$759,349.81
Callfred Inc. (AppelleFred Inc.)	\$766,111.00

WHEREAS the lowest bid conformed;

WHEREAS, by its resolution E-24/25-91, the Executive Committee recommends that the Council award the contract to D.L.S. CONSTRUCTION INC.;

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Bouchard and seconded by Commissioner Green that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, Council award the contract to **D.L.S. CONSTRUCTION INC.** and grant the Director of Buildings, Soufiane El Ouezzani, the authority to sign this contract.

Carried unanimously

C-24/25-154

Public Tender – Poltimore School – Parking Lot Redevelopment – Contract #24510B013

WHEREAS an amount of \$400,000.00 was set aside from 2023-2024 Measure 50621;

WHEREAS a public tender was completed;

WHEREAS the following persons and/or businesses retrieved the tender documents:

- 10402567 Canada Inc. (Tracage i-tek)
- ACQ – Région de l'Outaouais
- Infratek Construction
- Callfred Inc. (AppelleFred Inc.)
- Eurovia Québec Construction Inc.
- 9115-1951 QUÉBEC INC.
- Les Pavages Lafleur & Fils Inc.
- QUALITECH CONSTRUCTION
- OUTABEC CONSTRUCTION (2017)
- Paysagiste Envert & Fils
- Les entreprises Le-Bo Construction Inc.
- 6369472 CANADA INC. (EQUINOXE JMP)

WHEREAS the following bids were received:

LES PAVAGES LAFLEUR & FILS INC.	\$131,730.16
9115-1951 QUÉBEC INC.	\$141,204.73
Eurovia Québec Construction Inc.	\$144,311.40

OUTABEC CONSTRUCTION (2017)	\$149,099.00
6369472 CANADA INC.	\$150,440.71
PAYSAGISTE ENVERT ET FILS	\$171,442.16
QUALITECH CONSTRUCTION	\$173,470.00
Infratek Construction	\$178,457.56
Les entreprises Le-Bo Construction Inc.	\$187,270.95

WHEREAS the lowest bid conformed;

WHEREAS, by its resolution E-24/25-92, the Executive Committee recommends that the Council award the contract to LES PAVAGES LAFLEUR & FILS INC.;

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Fortier and seconded by Commissioner Cornforth that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, Council award the contract to LES PAVAGES LAFLEUR & FILS INC. and grant the Director of Buildings, Soufiane El Ouezzani, the authority to sign this contract.

Carried unanimously

C-24/25-155

Public Tender – Hull Adult Education Center - Heating System Replacement – Contract #23510B022

WHEREAS an amount of \$450,000.00 was set aside from 2023-2024 Measure 50621;

WHEREAS a public tender was completed;

WHEREAS the following persons and/or businesses retrieved the tender documents:

- ACQ – Région de l'Outaouais
- 3863573 CANADA INC. (MÉCANIQUE PCI)
- Tuyauterie Expert Inc.
- Seguin Morris Inc.
- 15888174 CANADA INC. / ENTREPRISE MAP
- 9599096 CANADA INC. (BÉLISLE ÉLECTRIQUE)
- BARETTE BERNARD – ÉNERFLAMME INC.
- MÉCANIQUE NORTHERM INC.
- Émile Séguin & Fils Ltée
- LES ENTREPRISES S.A.F. COMBUSTION CHAUFFAGE CLIMATISATION INC.
- LALONDE CANTIN CONSTRUCTION & ASSOCIÉS CANADA INC.

WHEREAS the following bids were received:

MÉCANIQUE PCI	\$281,000.00
Émile Séguin & Fils Ltée	\$299,900.00
BARETTE BERNARD – ÉNERFLAMME INC.	\$306,750.00
MÉCANIQUE NORTHERM INC.	\$323,888.00
LES ENTREPRISES S.A.F. COMBUSTION CHAUFFAGE CLIMATISATION INC.	\$324,900.00
BÉLISLE ÉLECTRIQUE	\$349,000.00
SEGUIN MORRIS INC.	\$351,400.00
TUYAUTERIE EXPERT INC.	\$436,700.00

WHEREAS the lowest bid conformed;

WHEREAS, by its resolution E-24/25-93, the Executive Committee recommends that the Council award the contract to MÉCANIQUE PCI;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Bélanger and seconded by Commissioner Killeen that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, Council award the contract to **MÉCANIQUE PCI** and grant the Director of Buildings, Soufiane El Ouezzani, the authority to sign this contract.

Carried Unanimously

C-24/25-156

**Public Tender – South Hull School, Wakefield School, Namur School -
Playground Structures – Contract #24510B036**

WHEREAS a total amount of \$209,172.00 was allocated from Measure 50530 for three schools, namely South Hull Elementary School (\$83,669.00), Namur Intermediate School (\$87,852.00), and Wakefield Elementary School (\$37,651.00);

WHEREAS an additional grant of \$66,455.00 was awarded to Namur Intermediate School by the MRC Papineau;

WHEREAS a public tender was completed;

WHEREAS the following persons and/or businesses retrieved the tender documents:

- DEFRAN INCORPORÉE
- ACQ – Région de l'Outaouais
- ÉQUIPEMENTS RÉCRÉATIFS JAMBETTE INC.
- 2740621 CANADA LTÉE (PBS Construction)

- Aménagement Bilex Inc.
- TMR3 Couvreur Inc.
- D.L.S. CONSTRUCTION INC.
- Les entreprises Le-Bo Construction Inc.

WHEREAS the following bids were received:

ÉQUIPEMENTS RÉCRÉATIFS JAMBETTE INC.	\$200,913.00
Aménagement Bilex Inc.	\$258,088,74
D.L.S. CONSTRUCTION INC.	\$289,970.00
Les entreprises Le-Bo Construction Inc.	\$290,000.00
2740621 CANADA LTÉE (PBS Construction)	\$306,242.00
DEFRAN INCORPORÉE	\$308,422.00

WHEREAS the lowest bid conformed;

WHEREAS, by its resolution E-24/25-94, the Executive Committee recommends that the Council award the contract to ÉQUIPEMENTS RÉCRÉATIFS JAMBETTE INC.;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Giannakoulis and seconded by Commissioner Green that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, Council award the contract to **ÉQUIPEMENTS RÉCRÉATIFS JAMBETTE INC.** and grant the Director of Buildings, Soufiane El Ouezzani, the authority to sign this contract.

Carried unanimously

C-24/25-157

Public Tender – Dr. S.E. McDowell – Interior Renovation and Asbestos Encapsulation – Phase 1 – Contract #24510B007

WHEREAS a total amount of \$1,550,000.00 was allocated from Measure 50621 for 2024-2025;

WHEREAS the project was divided into two phases to allow for the execution of Phase 1 in the summer of 2024–2025 and Phase 2 in the summer of 2025–2026;

WHEREAS a public tender was completed;

WHEREAS the following persons and/or businesses retrieved the tender documents:

- Seguin Morris Inc.
- D.L.S. CONSTRUCTION INC.
- ACQ – Région de l'Outaouais
- 6739741 CANADA INC. (GESTION DMJ)

- LALONDE CANTIN CONSTRUCTION & ASSOCIÉS CANADA INC.
- DEFRAN INCORPORÉE
- LEXCO CONSTRUCTION INC.
- 176026 CANADA INC. (Amor Construction)
- Les entreprises Le-Bo Construction Inc.
- OTTAWA CONSTRUCTION DEMOLITION INC.
- Callfred Inc. (AppelleFred Inc.)
- Groupe GMR Construction Inc.
- Aranda Construction

WHEREAS the following bids were received:

Lalonde Cantin Construction & Associés Canada Inc.	\$534,400.00
D.L.S. CONSTRUCTION INC.	\$544,000.00
LEXCO CONSTRUCTION INC.	\$666,400.00
Callfred Inc. (AppelleFred Inc.)	\$668,777.00
OTTAWA CONSTRUCTION DEMOLITION INC.	\$694,178.00
DEFRAN INCORPORÉE	\$712,222.00

WHEREAS the lowest bid conformed;

WHEREAS, by its resolution E-24/25-95, the Executive Committee recommends that the Council award the contract to Lalonde Cantin Construction & Associés Canada Inc.;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Moore and seconded by Commissioner Goldsbrough that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, Council award the contract to **Lalonde Cantin Construction & Associés Canada Inc.** and grant the Director of Buildings, Soufiane El Ouezzani, the authority to sign this contract.

Carried unanimously

C-24/25-158

Amendment of Resolution C-24/25-133

WHEREAS, following the April Council meeting, amendments were proposed for clarification regarding resolution C-24/25-133, to reflect that the request was for a second recommencement rather than an appointment;

WHEREAS the following amended resolution was subsequently voted on by the council of commissioners via an email vote:

Selection of Candidate to Submit to the Minister of Education

WHEREAS a request was made in accordance with the School Board Elections Act to the Minister of Education regarding the vacant seat for Ward 7 of the Western Quebec School Board;

WHEREAS the letter to the Minister of Education requested permission to hold a second by-election;

WHEREAS a response letter was received from Assistant Deputy Minister Stephanie Vachon on April 28, 2025, indicating that the Minister of Education will proceed with the nomination of a candidate to the vacant ward;

WHEREAS the Minister of Education requested that the Western Quebec School Board submit the name of one candidate for nomination no later than Friday, May 9, 2025;

WHEREAS the Minister of Education outlined the conditions of eligibility for the candidate;

WHEREAS the selection of the candidate to be submitted to the Minister will be conducted by the Executive Committee during a special meeting;

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Bouchard and seconded by Parent-Commissioner Rhéault that the selection of the candidate to be submitted to the Minister will be conducted by the Executive Committee at a special meeting.

In Favour: 12

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion Carried

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Bouchard and seconded by Commissioner Goldsbrough to ratify the above resolution C-24/25-133 as amended.

Carried unanimously

C-24/25-159

Request Authorisation to Sign Contracts Upon Bid Opening for Some Investment Projects

WHEREAS tenders for the following contracts will open before the next regularly scheduled Council meeting;

WHEREAS to allow the contractor sufficient time to prepare for a construction start date of 25 June;

WHEREAS the contract signing process will be managed under the supervision of the RARC;

WHEREAS the following list of contracts will need to be signed before mid-June;

- 24510B023 - Lord Aylmer and South Hull Schools - Schoolyard Refurbishment
- 24510B017 - Installation of Water Meters and Backflow Prevention Devices in Several Schools
- 24510B016 - Chelsea School - Roof Renovation Phase #2
- 24510B030 - Dr. Wilbert Keon School - Phase 2 - Stairwell and Restroom Renovation
- 24510B032 - Modular Classroom Furniture - Lab École

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Killeen and seconded by Parent-Commissioner James that Council grant signing authority to the Director of Buildings & Information Technology Mr. Soufiane El Ouezzani, for the listed projects.

Carried unanimously

C-24/25-160

Public Tender – Onslow - Replacement of Electric Boiler - Contract #24510B033

WHEREAS an amount of \$250,000.00 was set aside from 2023-2024 Measure 50622;

WHEREAS a public tender was completed;

WHEREAS the following persons and/or businesses retrieved the tender documents:

- 9599096 CANADA INC. (BÉLISLE ÉLECTRIQUE)
- Seguin Morris Inc.
- ACQ – Région de l'Outaouais
- 15888174 CANADA INC. / ENTREPRISE MAP
- D.L.S. CONSTRUCTION INC.
- LES ENTREPRISES S.A.F. COMBUSTION CHAUFFAGE CLIMATISATION INC.

WHEREAS the following bids were received:

D.L.S. CONSTRUCTION INC.	\$93,700.00
LES ENTREPRISES S.A.F. COMBUSTION CHAUFFAGE CLIMATISATION INC.	\$95,000.00
BÉLISLE ÉLECTRIQUE	\$97,900.00
SÉGUIN MORRIS INC.	\$101,397.00

WHEREAS the lowest bid conformed;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Garner and seconded by Commissioner Killeen that the Council award the contract to **D.L.S. CONSTRUCTION INC.** and grant the Director of Buildings, Soufiane El Ouezzani, the authority to sign this contract.

Carried unanimously

C-24/25-161

Governance & Ethics Committee Report – March 13, 2025

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Green and seconded by Parent-Commissioner James that the Council acknowledge receipt of the Governance & Ethics Committee Minutes of March 13, 2025.

Carried unanimously

C-24/25-162

Human Resources Committee Report – March 12, 2025

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Garner and seconded by Commissioner Goldsbrough that the Council acknowledge receipt of the Human Resources Committee Minutes of a meeting held on March 12, 2025.

Carried unanimously

C-24/25-163

Human Resources Committee Report – April 14, 2025

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Goldsbrough and seconded by Parent-Commissioner Bouchard that the Council acknowledge receipt of the Human Resources Committee Minutes of a meeting held on April 14, 2025.

Carried unanimously

C-24/25-164

Special Education Advisory Committee Report – April 1, 2025

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Fortier and seconded by Commissioner Garner that the Council acknowledge receipt of the Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes of April 1, 2025.

Carried unanimously

C-24/25-165

Transportation Committee Report – May 7, 2025

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Moore and seconded by Parent-Commissioner Bouchard that the Council acknowledge receipt of the Transportation Committee Minutes of May 7, 2025.

Carried unanimously

Adjournment

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.