

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR OPEN INAUGURAL MEETING  
OF THE NEW WESTMINSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION  
HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018 AT 6:33 PM  
SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE  
811 ONTARIO STREET, NEW WESTMINSTER**

**PRESENT**

Anita Ansari, Trustee	Karim Hachlaf, Superintendent
Dee Beattie, Trustee	Maryam Naser, Associate Superintendent
Danielle Connelly, Trustee	Kim Morris, Secretary-Treasurer
Gurveen Dhaliwal, Trustee	Robert Weston, Director of Human Resources
Mark Gifford, Trustee	Guests:
Mary Lalji, Trustee	Mayor Jonathan Coté, City of New Westminster
Maya Russell, Trustee	Chinu Das, City Councillor
	Bill Harper, Retired City Councillor
	Jacqueline Killawee, City Clerk
	Bertha Lansdowne, District Aboriginal Education Coordinator
	Chief Rhonda Larrabee, Qayqayt First Nation
	Nadine Nakagawa, City Councillor
	Chuck Puchmayr, City Councillor
	Danielle Smith, "Drummers on a Beat"
	Rosalyn Swanson, "Drummers on a Beat"
	Lisa Spitale, Chief Administrative Officer
	Mary Trentadue, City Councillor
	Caroline Manders, Recording Secretary

***The New Westminster School District recognizes and acknowledges the Qayqayt First Nations, as well as all Coast Salish peoples, on whose traditional and unceded territories we live, we learn, we play and we do our work.***

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Kim Morris, Secretary-Treasurer, called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm and welcomed Chief Rhonda Larrabee, Qayqayt First Nation. Chief Larrabee delivered the official welcome.

**2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

By consensus, the agenda was adopted as presented.

**3. REMARKS OF RETIRING CHAIR**

Retiring Chair, Mark Gifford welcomed all guests, including Trustees' family, City of New Westminster Mayor, City Councillors and Staff. Retiring Chair Gifford delivered his remarks and expressed enthusiasm as the new Board begins its work.

**4. SMUDGING CEREMONY**

Bertha Lansdowne, District Aboriginal Education Coordinator, Danielle Smith and Rosalyn Swanson, "Drummers on a Beat" conducted the Smudging Ceremony to welcome the new Board members and to signify a new beginning for Trustees, District and Indigenous people.

**5. STATEMENT OF THE RETURNING OFFICER**

Jacqueline Killawee, City Clerk with the City of New Westminster, confirmed that the 2018 Local General election was held on October 20, 2018 to elect 7 School Trustees for School District No.40 (New Westminster Schools) along with 1 Mayor and 6 Councillors for the City of New Westminster. A total of 14,655 votes were cast in the election and as Chief Election Officer I announced on October 24, 2018 the following candidates were elected to the office of School Trustee: Anita Ansari, Dee Beattie, Danielle Connelly, Gurveen Dhaliwal, Mark Gifford, Mary Lalji, and Maya Russell.

## 6. OATH OF OFFICE

Jacqueline Killawee, City Clerk for the City of New Westminster was introduced and administered the Oaths of Office to each Trustee. Trustees read aloud the Oath of Office, affirming it to be true and the documents were then signed by the Trustee and the City Clerk. As each Trustee affirmed their Oath of Office, they were intruded by Ms. Killawee as:

Trustee Anita Ansari  
Trustee Dee Beattie  
Trustee Danielle Connelly  
Trustee Gurveen Dhaliwal  
Trustee Mark Gifford  
Trustee Mary Lalji  
Trustee Maya Russell

## 7. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Kim Morris, Secretary-Treasurer, called for nominations for the Chair for the 2019 Board of Education. Maryam Naser, Associate Superintendent, and Robert Weston, Director of Human Resources served as Scrutineers.

**Trustee Anita Ansari nominated Trustee Mark Gifford as Chair** for the 2019 Board of Education.

**Trustee Mary Lalji nominated Trustee Danielle Connelly as Chair** for the 2019 Board of Education.

**Trustee Gifford accepted the nomination; Trustee Connelly did not accept the nomination.**

Kim Morris, Secretary-Treasurer, called for nominations for the position of Chair for the 2019 Board of Education a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> time.

There being no further nominations, **Trustee Gifford was declared Chair** for the 2019 Board of Education.

Kim Morris, Secretary-Treasurer transferred the Chair to Trustee Gifford.

## 8. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Chair Mark Gifford called for nominations for the Vice-Chair for the 2019 Board of Education.

**Trustee Dee Beattie nominated Trustee Anita Ansari as Vice-Chair** for the 2019 Board of Education.

**Trustee Ansari accepted the nomination.**

Chair Gifford, called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair for the 2019 Board of Education a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> time.

There being no further nominations, **Trustee Ansari was declared Vice-Chair** for the 2019 Board of Education (by acclamation).

## 9. ELECTION OF BCSTA PROVINCIAL COUNCIL & ALTERNATE DELEGATE

Chair Gifford called for nominations for the BCSTA Provincial Council 2019 Board of Education.

**Trustee Gurveen Dhaliwal nominated Trustee Danielle Connelly for BCSTA Provincial Council** for the 2019 Board of Education.

**Trustee Connelly accepted the nomination.**

Chair Gifford, called for nominations for the position of BCSTA Provincial Council for the 2019 Board of Education a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> time.

There being no further nominations, **Trustee Connelly was declared BCSTA Provincial Council** for the 2019 Board of Education (by acclamation).

#### **BCSTA Provincial Council Delegate Alternate**

Chair Gifford called for nominations for the BCSTA Provincial Council Delegate Alternate 2019 Board of Education.

**Trustee Maya Russell nominated Trustee Dee Beattie as BCSTA Provincial Council Delegate Alternate** for the 2019 Board of Education.

**Trustee Beattie accepted the nomination.**

Chair Gifford, called for nominations for the position of BCSTA Provincial Council Delegate Alternate for the 2019 Board of Education a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> time.

There being no further nominations, **Trustee Beattie was declared BCSTA Provincial Council Delegate Alternate** for the 2019 Board of Education (by acclamation).

#### **10. ELECTION OF BCPSEA REPRESENTATIVE & ALTERNATE**

Chair Gifford called for nominations for the BCPSEA Representative for the 2019 Board of Education.

**Trustee Maya Russell nominated Trustee Dee Beattie as BCPSEA Representative** for the 2019 Board of Education.

**Trustee Beattie accepted the nomination.**

Chair Gifford called for nominations for the position of BCPSEA Representative for the 2019 Board of Education a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> time.

There being no further nominations, **Trustee Beattie was declared BCPSEA Representative** for the 2019 Board of Education (by acclamation).

#### **BCPSEA Representative Alternate**

Chair Gifford called for nominations for the BCPSEA Representative Alternate for the 2019 Board of Education.

**Trustee Maya Russell nominated Trustee Gurveen Dhaliwal as BCPSEA Representative Alternate** for the 2019 Board of Education.

Chair Gifford, called for nominations for the position of BCPSEA Representative Alternate for the 2019 Board of Education a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> time.

**Trustee Dhaliwal accepted the nomination.**

There being no further nominations, **Trustee Dhaliwal was declared BCPSEA Representative Alternate** for the 2019 Board of Education (by acclamation).

#### **11. MOTION TO DESTROY BALLOTS**

Nil.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned 7:15 pm.

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer