

YOU HAVE QUESTIONS? WE HAVE ANSWERS!

This month, school boards across Manitoba are holding their inaugural meetings, which include the election of board chairs and vice-chairs. For anyone new to the role (or just wanting a refresher course on meeting procedure), check out our [Practical Procedure](#) series of Division Dispatches. The [Short Answers to Common Questions](#) dispatch is a good place to start. It provides answers to ten common questions about voting and interpersonal/meeting dynamics, based on the requirements of *The Public Schools Act* and *Robert's Rules of Order*. Others in the series take a deeper look at topics such as abstaining, committee of the whole, suspending debate, and revisiting a decision. Most are available in both text and video format, and some include additional resources.



- Region 1—November 23;
- Region 2—November 24;
- Region 3—November 25; and
- Region 4—November 26.

As in previous years, meeting agendas will include an update from President Alan Campbell, presentation of the audited financial statements, nominations, and regional discussion of resolutions. The [Call for Nominations and Resolutions](#) is being distributed in today's divisional email. There will be no cost to participate in any of these meetings, but pre-registration will be required. Details to follow!

SPEAKING OF VIRTUAL MEETINGS . . .

The Canadian School Boards Association will be holding a virtual General Meeting on Friday, October 2. All members are invited to attend. The agenda and meeting link will be posted on the [CSBA website](#).



BACK TO MEETING-NORMAL

Certain emergency orders impacting school board operations expired on July 31, 2020. This means that the normal provisions of [The Public Schools Act](#) and the [Electronic Meetings Regulation](#) are now back in full force. Specifically:



- where there is a vacancy on a school board, a by-election must be held "as soon as reasonably practicable" [PSA 26(5)];
- each trustee must be physically present at a board meeting at least once every three months [PSA 39.7.1(2)]; and
- the board chair, superintendent, and secretary-treasurer (or a designate for each of these positions), plus one other trustee must be present in the meeting room during an electronic board meeting (*Electronic Meetings Regulation 5*).

If you are wanting to revise your board's electronic meeting policy in light of recent experience and are looking for some guidance, sample policies, or a second opinion, contact [Heather Demetrioiff](#).

NOVEMBER MEETINGS

Just a reminder that the Fall General and Regional Meetings will be held virtually this year. The General Meeting will be held on the morning of Saturday, November 21, and will run for a maximum of three hours. The Region 5/6 meeting will be held later that same day, beginning at 1:00 p.m. All other regions will meet in the morning, beginning at either 8:30 or 9:00 a.m., in accordance with the following schedule and for a maximum of two hours:

CONNECTING PEOPLE AND JOBS

Did you know that the association recently added a page to its website to help connect those looking for work in the education system with available positions—permanent, temporary, or supply? [K-12Careers.ca](#) has links to job postings in every school division and district in Manitoba, along with maps to acquaint job-seekers with the geographical location of school divisions, and an overview of the basic [minimum qualifications](#) for positions ranging from custodian to bus driver to EA to clerical to teacher.



School divisions across Manitoba are **CURRENTLY HIRING** permanent, temporary, and supply/substitute staff for teaching and non-teaching (custodial, transportation, clerical and instructional support) positions. Visit k12careers.ca for links to postings in all school divisions.



Les divisions scolaires du Manitoba **EMBAUCHENT** du personnel permanent, temporaire et suppléant pour les postes d'enseignement et non enseignant (conciergerie, transport, secrétaire, et soutien pédagogique). Rendez-vous à emplois-scolaires.ca pour accéder aux offres courantes.

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