



POLICY STATEMENT

REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES

Rationale

The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board conducts business in a transparent and accountable manner, making policy decisions that are beneficial to the entire Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic school district, at open, public meetings.

Guiding Principles

- The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board [By-Laws](#) provide structure and direction to the Board in the conduct of its business.
- All regular meetings of the Board and Standing Committees are open to the public and members of the media.
- Except for those demonstrating improper conduct, no person shall be excluded.
- The dates and times of regular meetings of the Board and Standing Committees are advertised on the Board website.
- A meeting of the Board or a Standing Committee may be closed to the public when the subject-matter under consideration involves,
 - the security of the property of the Board;
 - the disclosure of intimate, personal or financial information;
 - the acquisition or disposal of a school site or other Board property;
 - decisions in respect of negotiations with employees of the Board; or
 - litigation actually or potentially affecting the Board.
- A meeting of the Board or of a Standing Committee of the Board must be closed to the public when the subject-matter under consideration involves an ongoing investigation under the Ombudsman Act respecting the Board or any requests made under the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.
- The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board shall provide for the use of electronic means for the holding of meetings of the Board and its Committees, including Committee of the Whole Board, upon request.



References

Multi-Year Strategic Plan

Education Act and Regulations

Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board By-Laws

Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board Trustee Code of Conduct

OESC Good Governance Guide

Electronic Meetings of the Board and Committees Policy

Approved: October 11, 2016

Revised: April 11, 2023