



DCDSB Welcomes 2026-2030 Board of Trustees and Selects Chair and Vice-Chair



The Durham Catholic District School Board (DCDSB) officially welcomed its newly elected Board of Trustees for the 2026-2030 term of office during the Inaugural Board Meeting held on November 16, 2026.

Prior to the meeting, Trustees were commissioned during a Mass celebrated by Father Francisco Fernandez Siles. The Inaugural Board Meeting then marked the formal beginning of their four-year term of service, as Trustees took the Declaration and Oath of Allegiance and committed to serving Catholic students, families, staff and communities across Durham Region. Trustees also selected the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board for the coming year. Morgan Ste. Marie, Trustee for the City of Oshawa, was acclaimed as Chair of the Board of Trustees. First elected as a Trustee in 2018, Chair Ste. Marie has demonstrated a strong commitment to Catholic education through service on numerous Board committees, including Audit, Finance, Policy Review, and the Durham Catholic Children's Foundation. Bringing extensive governance experience and a student focused approach to leadership, Chair Ste. Marie will guide the Board in advancing its mission of nurturing faith, fostering excellence, and supporting the success and wellbeing of every student.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as Chair and look forward to working alongside my fellow trustees, staff, educators, administrators, parishes and families to support student achievement. Together, we will continue nurturing the God-given talents of every student and strengthening our shared commitment to Catholic education in service to our community."

Kim Beatty, Trustee for the City of Oshawa, was acclaimed Vice-Chair of the Board.

Vice-Chair Beatty was first elected as a Trustee in 2022 and brings a strong commitment to Catholic education and effective governance through her service on several Board committees, including Supervised Alternative Learning, the Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee, Finance, Policy Review, and the Audit Committee.

"I am truly honoured to accept the role as Vice-Chair of the Durham Catholic District School Board. I am thankful for this opportunity and embrace it with a deep sense of responsibility and an unwavering commitment to our students and Catholic education."Catholic school trustees are elected representatives who provide governance and strategic leadership for publicly funded Catholic education. Trustees uphold the mission of Catholic education, support student achievement and well-being, and act as stewards of the Board on behalf of Catholic ratepayers.

The Durham Catholic District School Board congratulates all newly elected and returning Trustees and extends its sincere appreciation to outgoing Trustees for their dedicated service and commitment to Catholic education over the past term.

2026-2030 Durham Catholic District School Board of Trustees Chair of the Board: Morgan Ste. Marie, City of Oshawa

Vice-Chair of the Board: Kim Beatty, City of Oshawa

Trustees

• Kim Beatty, City of Oshawa
• Richard Damianopoulos, Townships of Scugog, Uxbridge and Brock
• Andre De Freitas, City of Pickering
• Robert De Souza, Town of Whitby
• Monique Forster, Town of Ajax
• Marisa Hall, Town of Ajax
• Mary Louise LaBarre, Town of Whitby
• Morgan Ste. Marie, City of Oshawa

Student Trustees

• Mia Leslie
• Mia Tan

About the Durham Catholic District School Board

The Durham Catholic District School Board (DCDSB) is an inclusive Catholic learning community committed to faith formation and academic excellence. Guided by our Gospel values and our mission to inspire every student to reach their full potential through faith and education, DCDSB serves over 24,000 students across Oshawa, Whitby, Ajax, Pickering, and the townships of Uxbridge, Scugog, and Brock, in addition to thousands of adult and continuing education learners.



