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Moved by: E. Viana
 Seconded by: J. Matters

RESOLVED, that the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

The Chair, on behalf of the Board, welcomed the student trustees who were elected by the Student Senators on April 28, 2009. F. Mazzetti introduced the three newly elected Student Trustees for 2009-2010: Briar Culbert, a student at Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School representing Burlington, Steven Slowka, a student at Christ the King Catholic Secondary School representing Halton Hills and Milton, and Chelsea Gray, a student at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School representing Oakville.

3. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**
 There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

4. **PRESENTATIONS**

4.1 **Education Development Charges 1st Policy Review Public Meeting**

The Chair provided background information regarding the enactment of an Education Development Charges By-Law to replace the existing By-law that will be expiring on June 14, 2009. Under the Education Act, the Board must convene two public meetings before adopting the new By-law. The two meetings are held for the purposes of reviewing the Board's current EDC policies, for informing the public about the EDC process and the proposed by-law and to hear the public's views.

The Chair invited C. Clarke from Watson & Associates and B. Teichman from McCarthy Tétrault to address the proposed EDC By-law. C. Clarke gave a brief history of the Education Development Charges (EDC) and provided a review of the policies underlying the existing EDC by-laws. B. Teichman discussed the Board's legal requirements that must be satisfied before passing the By-Law on June 2, 2009.

The Chair invited delegates to come forward and provide their views on the proposed By-law. No delegates came forward.

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Moved by: E. Viana
 Seconded by: J. Matters

RESOLVED, that the Halton Catholic District School Board receive as information the EDC Policies verbal report from Watson & Associates; receive as information the verbal report from McCarthy Tétrault; and receive as information the written presentations from members of the public regarding the Education Development Charges Policy review.

CARRIED

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Moved by: P. Houlahan
 Seconded by: R. Palmieri

RESOLVED, that the 1st Policy Review Public Meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

4.2 **Education Development Charges 2nd Successor By-Law Public Meeting**

C. Clarke provided an overview of the process and methodologies leading to the proposed charges. She explained how the Board acquired a \$21.88 million deficit in its reserve funds and commented that the significant increase in the average cost per acre is the key factor driving the charge for both boards. Referencing the recommendation, C. Clarke noted that if the Board chooses to stay with 85% of the cost recovered from housing development, the charge would be \$821 per residential dwelling unit and .23 per square foot of gross floor area for non residential development.

B. Teichman, referencing the Background Study, explained the text of the draft By-law and provided a brief overview of how the By-law functions. He confirmed that the calculations and methodology used by Watson & Associates complied with the requirements of the governing legislation.

The Chair invited delegates to come forward and provide their views on the proposed By-law. No delegates came forward.

In response to questions, C. Clarke confirmed that the Gross Area of Non-Residential Development applies to the entire unit above ground. She also provided an explanation for removing \$7.7 million from revenue in 1999 and clarified that it was intended to be spent on building construction rather than on land acquisition. It has now been applied for the building component of Corpus Christi and has become part of the overall deficit.

B. Van de Vrande expressed several concerns regarding the implications, existing and future, of establishing a rate that is too low rather than building it into the equation. In response, C. Clarke elaborated on the factors that have led to the shortfall of revenues versus outlays and explained that the proposed rate is to recover the deficit created. She provided a rationale for establishing a land escalation factor at 0% for the next five years. In response, B. Van de Vrande noted that paying for past development with future revenues could exacerbate the problem. C. Clarke addressed the concerns expressed and elaborated on the appraisal process as well as the policy requirements. At the suggestion of Watson & Associates, P. McMahon, Superintendent of Business Services, agreed to undertake, on a yearly basis, an analysis and study of the reserve funds in addition to reviewing land prices.

When asked if the shortfall has constrained the Board from acquiring new sites in a timely fashion, P. McMahon indicated that it has not and that the Board continues to buy sites as enrolment warrants.

# 89/09	<i>Moved by: A. Iantomasi</i>
	<i>Seconded by: Father D. Wilhelm</i>
RESOLVED , that the Halton Catholic District School Board receive as information the Methodology and Proposed Charges verbal report from Watson and Associates; receive as information the Draft By-Law verbal report from McCarthy Tétrault; and receive as information the written presentations from the public regarding the proposed Education Development Charges By-law. CARRIED	

# 90/09	<i>Moved by: E. Viana</i>
	<i>Seconded by: J. Matters</i>
RESOLVED , that the 2 nd Successor By-Law Public Meeting adjourn. CARRIED	

4.3 Annual Business Leadership Conference

N. Bourque, CFO and Sabrina Zavarise, CEO of the 6th Annual Business Leadership Conference at Notre Dame provided details regarding the May 21st 2009 event, the theme of which is SHINE. N. Bourque noted that ninety (90) grade 12 students enrolled in the Organizational Business Course, under the leadership of J. Barbati, are actively involved in organizing the conference. Trustees viewed a short video that was created in order to promote the conference. Both S. Azvarise and N. Bourque at Notre Dame elaborated on the vision and the goals of the conference and outlined some of the benefits from getting involved in this learning experience. Trustees were presented with a complimentary ticket and invited to attend.

4.4 Special Presentation to a Trustee

On behalf of the Board, A.A. LeMay presented Father D. Wilhelm with a gift, in honour of his 25th celebration of ordination as a priest. She elaborated on several of his accomplishments and involvements, both at the Diocesan level and as trustee.

Father D. Wilhelm thanked the Board for the generous gift.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**6.1 **Regular Board Meeting – April 14, 2009**

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Moved by: E. Viana

Seconded by: P. Houlahan

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the April 14, 2009 Regular Board Meeting be approved as presented.

R. Palmieri commented on Item 8.1, *Home to School Transportation* (Second and Third Readings) and informed trustees that Town Council had unanimously adopted a motion requesting Minister Wynne to review and revoke, for one year, the Board's motion to eliminate the bussing in Georgetown South in order to allow the Ministry to perform a review. She also acknowledged that T. Arnott had not yet received a response from Minister Wynne.

As another point of clarification, R. Palmieri shared information she obtained from M. Jancik at the Ministry's office who confirmed that the Board would not be penalized if a policy exception was approved; however the related costs would have to be assumed by the Board. M. Jancik also confirmed that Facility Renewal Funds were not within a protected envelope and could be used for other Board-related expenses.

In response, G. Corbacio commented that Facility Renewal Funds have been, by regulation, a protected envelope since 1998. M. Pautler indicated that staff would seek clarification on the information presented by R. Palmieri.

The Chair called for a vote **CARRIED**.

7. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**7.1 **Summary of Outstanding Items from Previous Meetings**

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Moved by: E. Viana

Seconded by: P. Houlahan

RESOLVED, that the summary of outstanding items from previous meetings be received as information. **CARRIED**

8. **ACTION ITEMS**8.1 **Religious Assessment – Notice of Motion from the April 14, 2009 Board Meeting**

This notice of motion presented at the April 14, 2009 meeting.

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Moved by: A. Danko

Seconded by: E. Viana

Whereas: *there has been much discussion in recent months regarding Catholic religious knowledge testing;*

Whereas: *Halton Catholic District School Board staff have invested considerable time and effort in gathering valuable information on Catholic religious knowledge testing;*

Whereas: *there are many possible tests and various reasons for testing the Catholic religious knowledge of students;*

Be It Resolved That : *the Halton Catholic District School Board commit, in principle, to administering board-wide a Catholic religious knowledge test at the elementary level by April 2010;*

Be It Resolved That: *the Board of Trustees and the Director of Education continue to work together to determine a course of action, to outline goals and objectives;*

Be It Resolved That: *over the next few months, the Halton Catholic District School Board conduct an extensive review of English language Catholic knowledge tests currently available; and*

Be It Resolved That: *a Board resolution be introduced in October 2009 that articulates specific goals and objectives and which test should be used to achieve them.*

A. Danko commented that the motion attempts to address the concerns raised by trustees and to obtain a mandate supporting the concept of testing as well as establishing a process allowing for trustee input and direction. The objective of the test is to measure Catholic Religious knowledge transmission to students, not to test faith.

A number of trustees spoke against the motion. Father D. Wilhelm spoke in support of the proposed plan submitted by staff at the February 3rd and March 24th meetings and expressed concern with testing. He suggested that the Board should put extra energy, time and resources into assisting and helping teachers to continue to embrace their faith in a positive way and transmit that faith in an effective way. J. Matters echoed Father D. Wilhelm's comments and indicated that the reports he referenced are sufficiently comprehensive and will allow the Board to move beyond testing by focusing on increased support for imparting solid Religious knowledge to students.

R. Palmieri spoke in support of the Religious knowledge testing. Referencing the document on governance recently released by the Ministry, she commented that the primary focus of trustees is to ensure that the students are being taught. The religious test would measure whether or not the information has been relayed to them by the teachers.

In response to a question regarding the timeline for the Bishop's review of the Religious curriculum, M. Pautler indicated that the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) has commissioned a review that would establish a developmental framework for Catechesis. This study, due in November 2009, will be the starting point for their determination in terms of whether the existing curriculum shall stand or needs to be revised. In light of that response, A. Iantomasi suggested setting the motion aside until the Board receives the results from CCCB. She also suggested obtaining input from the clergy.

P. Houlihan asked the Director to provide staff's perspective to the motion and to comment on the governance model. M. Pautler noted that in the course of researching the possibilities, including those that have been adopted in other jurisdictions, staff believe that our purposes would best be served through a process that would be more engaging of our staff and ultimately lead to the internal development of resources and an assessment framework that would support the intention of ensuring that that instruction is being provided appropriately and effectively rather than through the adoption of a testing protocol from an external source. It would also ensure that students are acquiring the religious knowledge that we are called to deliver within the curriculum authored by the Bishops. The Board is proposing a process that would achieve the desired outcome but would draw upon the expertise of the staff and ensure that the assessment of that program is comprehensive and captures all learning.

In terms of Trustee Houlihan's question of governance, M. Pautler noted that one view of appropriate governance would be to suggest that trustees, as a body, collectively provide strategic direction and guidance and ultimately staff uses their expertise, their experience and prudent judgment to determine the most appropriate way of achieving the desired outcomes. Within that context, previous reports reflect staff's best judgment of how we would propose to accomplish the desired outcome.

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Moved by: E. Viana

Seconded by: B. Van de Vrande

RESOLVED, *that the motion be postponed until June 16, 2009.*

A Recorded vote was requested.

In Favour	Against
Viana, E.	Danko, A.
Van de Vrande, B.	Wilhelm, Father D.
Houlahan, P.	Palmieri, R.
Iantomasi, A.	Matters, J.
LeMay, A. A.	

C. Restivo, N. Bourque and P. Cockburn voted in favour of the motion to postpone. Their vote is non-binding.

The motion **CARRIED**.

8.2 ETAC Trips

- a. **St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Secondary School to Switzerland/Italy: Wednesday, March 10, 2010 to Friday, March 19, 2010**
- b. **St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Secondary School to France: Monday March 15, 2010 to Tuesday, March 23, 2010**
- c. **St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Secondary School to the Dominican Republic: Thursday, February 4, 2010 to Thursday February 11th and Thursday, March 11, 2010 to Thursday March 18, 2010**
- d. **Assumption Catholic Secondary School to the Dominican Republic: Friday, January 29, 2010 to Friday, February 5, 2010 and Thursday, February 25, 2010 to Thursday, March 4, 2010**
- e. **Bishop P.F. Reding Catholic Secondary School to the Dominican Republic: Saturday, January 23, 2010 to Saturday, January 30, 2010 and Saturday, March 13, 2010 to Saturday, March 20, 2010**
- f. **Corpus Christi Catholic Secondary School to the Dominican Republic: Thursday, February 25, 2010 to Thursday, March 4, 2010**
- g. **Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School to the Dominican Republic: Thursday, March 18, 2010 to Thursday, March 25, 2010 and Thursday, March 25, 2010 to Thursday, April 1, 2010**
- h. **Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School to Italy: Wednesday, March 31, 2010 to Tuesday, April 6, 2010**
- i. **St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School to Orlando, Florida: Wednesday, December 2, 2009 to Sunday December 6 2009**
- j. **Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School to Costa Rica: Wednesday, March 11, 2010 to Friday, March 19, 2010**

F. Mazzetti reported that the Board's ETAC Committee met and reviewed the request for ten (10) extended trips. She assured trustees that all trips meet the requirements of the Board's Policy. F. Mazzetti welcomed representatives from the various schools.

In response to questions from J. Matters, F. Mazzetti indicated that the supervisory ratio is generally 20:1 but for higher risk trips can be 15:1 or less. The trips to the Dominican Republic are approximate 6:1 because of the physical labour involved. The majority of supervisors are staff members.

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Moved by: E. Viana

Seconded by: P. Houlahan

RESOLVED, that the Halton Catholic District School Board approve the extended field trip by St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Secondary School, Oakville to Switzerland and Italy from Wednesday, March 10 to Friday, March 19, 2010.

RESOLVED, that the Halton Catholic District School Board approve the extended field trip by St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Secondary School, Oakville to France from Monday, March 15 to Tuesday, March 23, 2010.

RESOLVED, that the Halton Catholic District School Board approve the extended field trips by St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Secondary School, Oakville to Dominican Republic on Thurs. February 4 to Thursday, February 11, 2010 and Thursday, March 11 to Thursday, March 18, 2010.

RESOLVED, that the Halton Catholic District School Board approve the extended field trips by Assumption Catholic Secondary School, Burlington to Dominican Republic on Friday, January 29 to Friday, February 5, 2010, and Thursday, February 25 to Thursday, March 4, 2010.

RESOLVED, that the Halton Catholic District School Board approve the extended field trips by Bishop P.F. Reding Catholic Secondary School, Milton to Dominican Republic on Saturday, January 23 to Saturday January 30, 2010, and Saturday, March 13 to Saturday, March 20, 2010.

RESOLVED, that the Halton Catholic District School Board approve the extended field trip by Corpus Christi Catholic Secondary School, Burlington to Dominican Republic on Thursday, February 25 to Thursday, March 4, 2010.

RESOLVED, that the Halton Catholic District School Board approve the extended field trips by Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School, Oakville to Dominican Republic on Thurs., March 18 to Thurs., March 25, 2010, and Thurs., March 25 to Thurs., April 1, 2010.

RESOLVED, that the Halton Catholic District School Board approve the extended field trip by Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School, Oakville to Italy on Wednesday, March 31 to Tuesday, April 6, 2010.

RESOLVED, that the Halton Catholic District School Board approve the extended field trip by St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School, Oakville to Orlando, Florida on Wednesday, December 2 to Sunday, December 6, 2009.

RESOLVED, that the Halton Catholic District School Board approve the extended field trip by Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School, Burlington to Costa Rica on Thursday, March 11 to Friday, March 19, 2010.

In response to questions from P. Houlahan, F. Mazzetti explained why some trips take more than the nine (9) allocated dates at March Break and why trips to the Dominican Republic generate a lot of interest on the part of students. She reminded trustees that none of the trips take up more than two (2) instructional days.

F. Mazzetti congratulated and thanked teachers for their dedication and efforts in providing these opportunities to our students.

The Chair called for a vote and the motion **CARRIED**.

8.3 Architect Selection for St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Secondary School Addition and Alterations Project

J. Matters, Chair of the Architect Selection Committee, reported that the five (5) architect firms were invited to submit a proposal to provide architectural services for the St. Thomas Aquinas addition and alterations project. The Committee evaluated the proposals and recommends the following appointment: i.

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Moved by: J. Matters

Seconded by: Father D. Wilhelm

RESOLVED, that the Halton Catholic District School Board appoint Makrimichalos Cuigini Architects of Toronto, Ontario to provide architectural services for the St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Secondary School Addition and Alterations Project.

In response to a question from P. Houlahan, G. Corbacio indicated that this firm is fairly new to our Board but is currently working on the St. Peter Catholic Elementary School in Milton.

The Chair called for a vote and the motion **CARRIED**.

8.4 List of Recommended Names for the New Milton # 4 and Milton # 6 Catholic Elementary Schools

J. Langill spoke to the report and briefly addressed the consultation process.

# 97/09	<i>Moved by: Father D. Wilhelm</i> <i>Seconded by: E. Viana</i>
RESOLVED , that the Halton Catholic District School Board approve the following list of school names, ordered in priority, as possible names for the new Milton #4 Catholic Elementary School:	
1 st Choice:	Our Lady of Fatima
2 nd Choice:	St. Gregory the Great
3 rd Choice:	St. Therese of the Child Jesus
<i>THAT, the Board-approved list of possible school names be submitted to Bishop Anthony Tonnos for his consideration and response.</i>	
CARRIED	

# 98/09	<i>Moved by: Father D. Wilhelm</i> <i>Seconded by: A. Iantomasi</i>
RESOLVED , that the Halton Catholic District School Board approve the following list of school names, ordered in priority, as possible names for the new Milton #6 Catholic Elementary School:	
1 st Choice:	Lumen Christi
2 nd Choice:	St. Gregory the Great
3 rd Choice:	St. Therese of the Child Jesus
<i>THAT, the Board-approved list of possible school names be submitted to Bishop Anthony Tonnos for his consideration and response.</i>	
CARRIED	

8.5 Resignation: Rev. David Wilhelm, Trustee of the Halton Catholic District School Board, Milton

The Chair reported that Father D. Wilhelm had been assigned to Blessed Sacrament Parish in Burford, Ontario.

# 99/09	<i>Moved by: E. Viana</i> <i>Seconded by: J. Matters</i>
RESOLVED , that the Halton Catholic District School Board accept and approve, with regret, the resignation of Father David Wilhelm as Trustee of the Halton Catholic District School Board, effective June 24, 2009.	

Father D. Wilhelm commented that it is with a spirit of gratitude and with mixed emotions that he must tender his resignation as Trustee of the Halton Catholic District School Board, Milton.

The Chair called for a vote and the motion **CARRIED**.

8.6 Process for Appointment/Election for Filling Vacancy for Milton Trustee

The Chair referenced the report and indicated that the cost for a By-Election has been estimated at approximately \$44,150.00. The majority of trustees spoke in support of proceeding with an appointment process provided it is open, transparent and adequately advertised in local papers with due time to receive applications. The position will be advertised in schools, parishes and local newspapers. The process will include a written submission and interviews. It was noted that the applicants must reside within Halton, not necessarily in Milton.

# 100/09	<i>Moved by: E. Viana</i> <i>Seconded by: J. Matters</i>
RESOLVED , that the Halton Catholic District School proceed filling the trustee vacancy by appointment.	
CARRIED	

9. **STAFF REPORTS**

9.1 **2009 New EDC By-Law**

This item was addressed under Items 4.1 and 4.2.

9.2 **Overview of Grant Revenue, Calculation**

P. McMahon presented an overview of the budget process, addressed the timelines of the proposed schedule for presentations to the Board and ultimately the reports to Board and addressed the Grants for Student Needs (GSN), the components and the total grants. He concluded his presentation by reviewing the next steps.

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Moved by: E. Viana

Seconded by: Father D. Wilhelm

RESOLVED, that the meeting continue beyond 10:30 p.m.

B. Van de Vrande left at 10:35 p.m.

Referencing earlier comments raised about enveloping, P. McMahon acknowledged that the Technical Paper clearly indicates that Facility Renewal Funds are subject to reserves and are not eligible for transportation-related expenses. He will contact the person identified by R. Palmieri.

9.3 **Progress Report on the Implementation of the Contained Classes for Students Identified as Exceptional: Intellectual**

S. Rossini commented on the report that outlines the implementation progress of the contained classes for students identified as exceptional intellectual and acknowledged that there have been significant successes with the program, most notably the program methodologies, professional development and the mentoring of the teachers. She also outlined some of the challenges in implementing the program. The next steps will not only build on the successes of the program, through capacity building of teachers but also on the challenges by ensuring a permanent home location, consistent parent communication and engagement and the measuring of program effectiveness.

P. Houlahan spoke to the process and expressed sincere gratitude to Special Education staff under the leadership of former Superintendent G. Mahoney and current Superintendent S. Rossini for their efforts and commitment in order to successfully implement the program. She also spoke in support of phasing the relocation of the program from the existing schools. P. Houlahan noted that the gifted program is being well received by parents and the investment will benefit the Board in the future.

9.4 **2009-2010 Board Improvement Plan**

J. Rowles indicated that a number of staff members are currently attending a Ministry symposium related to the Board Improvement Plan. The Committee will be meeting on May 7th to finalize the plan.

In the context of increasing public confidence in publicly funded Catholic Education, R. Palmieri shared several comments and concerns raised by members of the Georgetown community regarding the musical Grease presented at Christ the King.

10. **INFORMATION**

10.1 **Update from Student Trustees**

N. Bourque reported that the student elections were held at Corpus Christi on April 28, 2009 and welcomed the three newly elected student trustees. He also indicated that the three speakers have been confirmed for the Halton Youth Leadership Symposium and that the Committee is finalizing the workshops as well as coordinating breakfast and lunch. The next meeting will take place at Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School on Tuesday, May 12, 2009.

10.2 **Approved Educational Field Trips**

10.3 **Appointment of Student Trustees 2009-2010**

10.4 School Board Governance: A Focus on Achievement

Trustees were asked to inform D. Ross if they would like to receive a hard copy of the Governance Report.

10.5 Catholic School Council of Chairs' Meeting – Wednesday, May 13, 2009

Trustees were invited to attend the Catholic School Council of Chairs' meeting on Wednesday, May 13th 2009 at Corpus Christi (6:30 p.m.). Once finalized, the agenda will be forwarded to trustees.

10.6 Minutes of the SEAC Meeting – March 30, 2009**10.7 Halton Skills Competition**

E. Viana shared with trustees some of the positive comments made by teachers regarding the level of skills our students displayed at the recent Halton Hills Competition.

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Moved by: E. Viana

Seconded by: P. Houlahan

*RESOLVED, that Items 10.1 to 10.7 be received as information.***CARRIED****11. CORRESPONDENCE****11.1 Ontario School Trustees' Association – School Information Finder****11.2 Letter to Minister Wynne, School Year Calendar****11.3 Nominations for Regional Director Positions – 2009 AGM****11.4 Response to the Delegation to the Halton Catholic District School Board – Presented at the Board Meeting of April 14, 2009 by Mr. T. McCormack**

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Moved by: E. Viana

Seconded by: D. Wilhelm

*RESOLVED, that Items 11.1 to 11.4 be received as correspondence.***CARRIED****12. OPEN QUESTION PERIOD**

There was no question period.

13. IN CAMERA

There was no in-camera session.

14. RESOLUTION re ABSENTEES

There were no absentees.

15. ADJOURNMENT/CLOSING PRAYER

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Moved by: R. Palmieri

Seconded by: J. Matters

*RESOLVED, that the meeting adjourn.***CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 10:56 p.m. with a closing prayer led by J. Matters.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

APPROVED:

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Secretary of the Board

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Chair