



PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARDS' COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY AUGUST 2025

Date: August 12, 2025
From: Troy Tait, Executive Director and CEO
To: PSBC Representatives, Alternates, Member Board Chairs
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The Public School Boards' Council (PSBC) met in person. We're pleased to offer the following summary from the Council Meeting on August 8, 2025.

1. Addition to the Agenda

The item "Associate Membership" was added to the meeting agenda.

2. Board of Directors and Executive Director and CEO Reports

The Board of Directors and the Executive Director and CEO provided written reports.

3. Environmental Scan

No environmental scan was presented.

4. 2026 Budget

The Budget Committee Chair presented the 2026 Budget. A motion was unanimously passed that the Budget was approved in principle and that it will be presented to the Annual General Meeting in November 2025.

5. PSBAA Bylaw Amendments

A motion was unanimously passed that the Bylaw Amendments as presented in the 2025 August PSBC meeting package be approved in principle and presented to the Annual General Meeting in November 2025.

6. Public vs Charter / Private – Red Deer Public

Angela Sommers, Trustee at Red Deer Public Schools, provided a presentation on Alberta's *Education Act* and constitutional rights. Members found the presentation informative, and they had rich discussion regarding the implications for school boards.

7. Associate Membership

There was discussion around lowering the cost for associate members to attend events as they may have financial limitations. The Executive Director and CEO clarified that associate members already pay a lower fee for memberships and events. These fees help to cover standard operational costs. Associate members also receive the Advocate.

Retired members and other associates are more than welcome to continue or begin their membership with the PSBAA.

8. Calls to Action

- a. Inform your boards the Draft Budget and the Draft Bylaw Amendments were approved in principle and will be presented at the Annual General Meeting in Edmonton on November 21.
- b. Register for the Fall Conference and Annual General Meeting as soon as possible.
- c. Enjoy the rest of the summer and visit with family and friends.

We would like to thank the organizing committee from Red Deer Public Schools and Wolf Creek Public Schools.

The 2025 Fall Conference and Annual General Meeting is at the DoubleTree West Edmonton from November 19-21, 2025. There are no other PSBC meetings this year because of the Municipal Election in October.

As always, if you have any questions about the 2025 August Meeting Summary or the Council Meeting, please feel free to contact me at 780-479-8080.

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