

Date: June 22, 2022 MEMORANDUM
To: Board of Trustees
From: Shawna Warren, Acting Superintendent
Originator(s): Superintendent's Office
Subject: Policy 235 – Conduct of Board Meetings

Purpose:

For approval. Motion required.

Motion:

That the Board of Trustees approve Policy 235 – *Conduct of Board Meetings* as presented at the June 22, 2022, Public Board meeting.

Background:

At the June 8, 2022, Committee of the Whole meeting, a new Board agenda format and order was presented. The new agenda will have the motion/discussion pieces moved to the beginning of the agenda to address the most important items first.

Accordingly, Administration has reviewed and updated, Policy 235 – *Conduct of Board Meetings*, appendix B – Sturgeon Public Schools Board Meeting Agenda. Administration has also updated the wording to be consistent with other policies, removing the CEO title.

Administration is prepared to respond to questions at the June 22, 2022, Public Board meeting.

Sincerely, (

Shawna Warren, M.Ed Acting Superintendent

Attachment







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Board of Trustees Sturgeon Public Schools

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- 2.0 Approval of the Agenda
- 3.0 Approval of the Minutes
 - 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of _____
- 4.0 Delegation/Presentation
- 5.0 New Business
- 6.0 Reports from Senior Executive
- 7.0 Reports from Trustees and Standing Committees
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- 9.0 Comment and Question Period
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