SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

AGENDA

Monday, November 2, 2026, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

In the Boardroom

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

1.1 LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) and səlilwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

1.2 OPENING REMARKS

The meeting is currently being broadcasted live, and both the audio and video recordings will be accessible to the public for viewing even after the meeting ends. Footage from this meeting may be viewed from Canada or anywhere else in the world.

2. DECLARATION OF ELECTION RESULTS

3. OATH OF OFFICE

4. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD

5. ADJOURNMENT

Vancouver School Board

ITEM 2.0

November 2, 2026

TO: **Board of Education**

FROM: **Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer | CFO**

RE: **Declaration of Election Results**

Reference to Education Plan

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

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INTRODUCTION

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ELECTION RESULTS

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Following the election, the Chief Election Officer for the City of Vancouver declared the following nine candidates elected to the office of School Trustee.

In alphabetical order, they are:

- Rory Brown
- Steve Cardwell
- Melanie Cheng
- Gwen Giesbrecht
- Suzie Mah
- Alisha Masongsong
- Derrick O'Keefe
- Krista Sigurdson
- Julie Strilesky

Attachment:
Declaration of 2026 Official Election Results

CITY OF VANCOUVER | VANCOUVER VOTES

October 21, 2026

Declaration of 2026 Official Election Results

On Saturday, October 17, 2026, a local election was held in the city of Vancouver. There were 483,324 registered voters in the city of Vancouver of which 209,711 voters cast ballots. Voter turnout was 43.4%.

As required under section 108 of the Vancouver Charter, as Chief Election Officer, I declare the candidates listed below elected, having received the highest number of votes cast for the respective offices.

Official elected candidates

Office of the Mayor (1 elected)

Candidate name	Votes
FRY, Pete	98,748

Office of Councillor (10 elected)

Candidate name	Votes
ORR, Sean	83,247
REILLY, Annette	78,680
LESLIE, Chloe	67,959
SINGH, Devyani	65,644
SMITH, Stephanie	64,232
MALONEY, Lucy	63,321
DUMONT, Camil	62,703
YI-KIERAN, Solomon	60,519
BURNS, Bridget	57,924
KLASSEN, Mike	57,922

Vancouver Election Office
305 West 8th Avenue
Vancouver, British Columbia V5Y 1N6 Canada
tel: 604-829-2010
website: vancouver.ca/vote | election@vancouver.ca

Office of Park Board Commissioner (7 elected)

Candidate name	Votes
DIGBY, Tom	78,976
VAN VLOTEN, Spencer	65,171
WYSS, T'uy't'tanat Cease	64,363
SUZUKI, Tamiko	63,265
SMART, Breanne	62,588
HAN, Jamie	61,259
BURTON, Sacia	59,632

Office of School Trustee (9 elected)

Candidate name	Votes
MAH, Suzie	83,643
CHENG, Melanie	79,840
GIESBRECHT, Gwen	72,914
O'KEEFE, Derrick	72,840
SIGURDSON, Krista	65,128
STRILESKY, Julie	64,770
MASONGSONG, Alisha	62,913
BROWN, Rory	61,487
CARDWELL, Steve	58,371

Capital Plan borrowing questions

Vancouver voters also voted on three capital plan borrowing questions, which will provide infrastructure funding from 2027-2030. The official results are below.

Question	Yes votes	No votes
Question 1: Transportation and street infrastructure	147,559	41,669
Question 2: Community serving and civic essential infrastructure	150,309	38,914
Question 3: Parks and open public spaces infrastructure	152,969	36,590

Public Safety Plebiscite questions

Vancouver voters were asked two non-binding plebiscite questions. The official results are below.

Question	Yes votes	No votes
Question 1: Are you in favour of the City of Vancouver strengthening its laws to forbid open-air hard drug (Heroin, Meth, Fentanyl, and Crack) use in public spaces?	137,178	62,880
Question 2: Should the City of Vancouver formally ask the Province of BC to convert portions of the old St. Paul's Hospital, or another similar site, into a secure medical facility that provides acute voluntary and 100-plus involuntary care beds for individuals posing a serious risk to themselves or others due to severe substance use and mental health disorders?	135,509	63,722



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Jason Twa
Chief Election Officer

Vancouver School Board

November 2, 2026

ITEM 3.0

TO: **Board of Education**

FROM: **Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer | CFO**

RE: **Oath of Office**

Reference to Education Plan

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INTRODUCTION

Under section 49 of the School Act, the term of office of a trustee elected at a general school election begins on the first Monday after November 1 following the election, or when the person takes office in accordance with section 50(3) of the School Act, whichever is later.

Section 50 of the School Act requires every person elected or appointed as a trustee to make the prescribed oath of office, either by oath or solemn affirmation. The oath may be administered by the Secretary Treasurer of the Board, among other persons authorized under the Act. A person takes office once the term has commenced and the completed oath or certificate has been produced to the Secretary-Treasurer.

OATH OF OFFICE

On November 2, 2026, the first Monday following November 1, the Secretary Treasurer administered the prescribed Oath of Office at the Board of Education's Oath of Office Ceremony. The following trustees made the prescribed Oath of Office:

- Rory Brown
- Steve Cardwell
- Melanie Cheng
- Gwen Giesbrecht
- Suzie Mah
- Alisha Masongsong
- Derrick O'Keefe
- Krista Sigurdson
- Julie Strilesky

The prescribed oath is established under the School Trustee Oath of Office Regulation and includes commitments to meet the qualification requirements for office, abide by the School Act, faithfully perform the duties of trustee, and comply with the Act's conflict-of-interest requirements.

Accordingly, upon completion of the prescribed oath and production of the completed oath to the Secretary Treasurer, the individuals listed above took office as trustees of the Board of Education on November 2, 2026, in accordance with sections 49 and 50 of the School Act.

Vancouver School Board

November 2, 2026

ITEM 4.0

TO: **Board of Education**

FROM: **Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer | CFO**

RE: **Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Board**

Reference to Education Plan

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INTRODUCTION

In accordance with Appendix A of Board Policy 7, the Secretary Treasurer conducts the election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Board following the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson Nomination and Election Procedure.

CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON NOMINATION AND ELECTION PROCEDURE

The Secretary Treasurer will chair the meeting during the nomination and election process for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

Upon completion of the nomination and election process for Board Chairperson, the Secretary Treasurer as Chairperson will proceed with the process for the nomination and election of Board Vice-Chairperson.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON NOMINATION AND ELECTION PROCEDURE

The Secretary Treasurer will chair the meeting during the nomination and election process for Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

Upon completion of the nomination and election process for Board Chairperson, the Secretary Treasurer as Chairperson will proceed with the process for the nomination and election of Board Vice Chairperson.

1. APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS

The Chairperson will call for a motion to appoint scrutineers. The motion will read as follows:

THAT Jessie Gresley-Jones and Alison Ogden be appointed scrutineers for the election of Board Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

2. NOMINATION PROCEDURE

The scrutineers will provide each trustee with one nomination ballot for Chairperson and one nomination ballot for Vice Chairperson.

2.1 CHAIRPERSON NOMINATION

i. The Chairperson will call for nominations by ballot, for Board Chairperson for a one-year term. Any trustee may be nominated for Board Chairperson.

"I now call for nominations by ballot for the office of Board Chairperson for a one (1) year period ended November 2027."

ii. Ballots will be collected by the scrutineers and the names of the trustees nominated for Board Chairperson shall be communicated to the Chairperson.

iii. The Chairperson will ask each nominee whether they agree to let their name stand for election and if they want to speak to the nomination. Nominee speeches shall be brief with a maximum allotted time of 3 minutes per nominee.

iv. If there is only one nominee for the office, and that nominee accepts the nomination, the Chairperson declares that person the duly elected Chairperson of the Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver), for a one (1) year period ended November 2027.

"I declare that trustee _____is the duly elected Chairperson of the Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver), for a one (1) year period ended November 2027."

2.2 VICE CHAIRPERSON NOMINATION

i. The Chairperson will call for nominations by ballot, for Board Vice Chairperson for a one-year term. Any trustee other than the elected Board Chairperson may be nominated for Board Vice Chairperson.

"I now call for nominations by ballot for the office of Board Vice Chairperson for a one (1) year period ended November 2027."

ii. Ballots will be collected by the scrutineers and the names of the trustees nominated for Board Vice Chairperson shall be communicated to the Chairperson.

iii. The Chairperson will ask each nominee whether they agree to let their name stand for election and if they want to speak to the nomination. Nominee speeches shall be brief with a maximum allotted time of 3 minutes per nominee.

iv. If there is only one nominee for the office, and that nominee accepts the nomination, the Chairperson declares that person the duly elected Vice Chairperson of the Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver), for a one (1) year period ended November 2027.

"I declare that trustee _____is the duly elected Vice Chairperson of the Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver), for a one (1) year period ended November 2027."

3. ELECTION PROCEDURE - IN PERSON BOARD MEETING

This procedure is used if all trustees are present in person.

(a) If more than one person is nominated, the Chairperson will call on scrutineers to distribute, collect and count the election ballots.

(b) All trustees present at the meeting shall vote by secret ballot.

(c) Scrutineers will report the results of each ballot only to the Chairperson of the meeting, who shall announce the Trustee who has received a clear majority of the votes cast.

(d) The Trustee receiving the majority of votes cast shall be declared elected.

"I declare that trustee _____ is the duly elected Chairperson [or Vice Chairperson] of the Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver), for a one (1) year period ended November 2027."

(e) If on the first ballot a nominee does not receive a clear majority the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes on the first ballot shall be dropped from the list and a second ballot, shall be held in like manner to the first ballot. If by reason of an equality of votes it is not possible to determine which name shall be dropped, then a special ballot shall be taken for that purpose.

(f) If at the completion of the third ballot the results of the election cannot be declared because there is an equality of valid votes for 2 or more nominees and all nominees continue to let their name stand for election, the Chairperson will ask for a motion that election results be determined by lot.

THAT the results for the election of Chairperson [or Vice Chairperson] will be determined by lot in accordance with the following:

i. the name of each nominee is to be written on a separate piece of paper, as similar as possible to all other pieces prepared for the determination;

ii. the pieces of paper are to be folded in a uniform manner in such a way that the names of the nominees are not visible;

iii. the pieces of paper are to be placed in a container that is sufficiently large to allow them to be shaken for the purpose of making their distribution random, and the container is to be shaken for this purpose;

iv. the Chairperson will direct a scrutineer to withdraw one paper;

v. the Chairperson will declare elected the nominee whose name is on the paper that was drawn.

(g) Upon completion of the nomination and election process for Board Chairperson and Board Vice Chairperson the Chairperson will call for the following motion:

THAT the scrutineers destroy the ballots for the nomination of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson and election of Chairperson [or Vice Chairperson] [or Chairperson and Vice Chairperson], and that the scrutineers are discharged.

(h) The newly elected Chairperson and Vice Chairperson will be invited to provide brief remarks.

(i) The newly elected Chairperson will preside over the balance of the meeting.