

**Minutes of the Public Session Board Meeting of the Near North District School Board held April 20, 2021**

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Jay Aspin, Chair

Craig Myles, Director of Education

The April 20, 2021 **Public Session Committee of the Whole** of the Near North District School Board was held via video and/or teleconference.

**Trustees Present:**

Jay Aspin, Chair  
John Cochrane, Vice-Chair \*  
Al Bottomley \*  
Bill Steer  
Donna Breault  
Harry Fry  
Louise Sargent  
Nichole King \*

**Administrative Staff Present:**

*\* joined the meeting following roll call.*

**1.0 Call to Order**

Chair Aspin called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

**1.1 Land acknowledgement**

Chair Aspin read the declaration aloud.

**1.2 Attendance**

Attendance indicated that five trustees are present for the meeting.

**1.3 Declaration of Conflict of Interest NIL**

**2.0 Approval of the Agenda**

*Motion: B. Steer/ L. Sargent*

That the agenda for the Committee of the Whole meeting of April 20, 2021 be approved as presented. - **Carried.**

**3.0 In-Camera**

At this time, Chair Aspin advised the Committee of the Whole would be moving into a

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private session. Members of the public were excused and advised they would be permitted back into the meeting once the Board arose in public session. A brief pause was noted to coordinate the appropriate video conference controls.

*Motion: H. Fry/ D. Breault*

That the Committee of the Whole move into an in-camera session. **-Carried.**



struggle to adhere to.

Board Chair Aspin summarized the thoughts and comments expressed with a final comment to defer this matter to senior administration to develop a thorough plan.

- Objection expressed by Trustee Bottomley, due to the delay of further inaction.

Caution expressed by Trustee Fry that the Board may overcommit itself by stating “all necessary steps”, suggestion to temper this language to the board “strive and endeavour to take all reasonable steps”.

Final direction from Board Chair Aspin to defer the language suggestions raised by Trustee Fry to the Executive Assistant to develop in preparation to the Board tabled this as an “item for discussion” during regular session.

## **8.0**