

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
Friday, October 17, 2025

MINUTE NO. 11

9:15 a.m. — māmawapiwin náyati room (Room 8)

1. **Present:** Trent Wotherspoon in the chair and members Chris Beaudry, David Chan, Brad Crassweller, Hugh Gordon, Joan Pratchler, Jacqueline Roy,* and Sean Wilson.

Substituting Members

Jacqueline Roy for Hugh Gordon (1:04 p.m. – 4:09 p.m.)

Provincial Auditor's Office

Tara Clemett, Provincial Auditor
Victor Schwab, Deputy Provincial Auditor
Michelle Lindenbach, Principal

Provincial Comptroller's Office

Brent Hebert, Provincial Comptroller
Jane Borland, Assistant Provincial Comptroller

2. The following document was tabled:

Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety: Response to question raised at the September 22, 2025 meeting

(PAC 58-30)

3. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2023 report volume 2, chapter 18, Education — Evaluating the Early Learning Intensive Support Program.

The following Ministry of Education officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Clint Repski, Deputy Minister
Sameema Haque, Assistant Deputy Minister
Jason Pirlot, Assistant Deputy Minister
Tim Caleval, Executive Director, Priority Action Team
Sean Chase, Executive Director, Student Achievement and Supports
Angela Chobanik, Executive Director, Education Funding
Ken Dueck, Executive Director, Strategic Policy and Planning
Janet Mitchell, Executive Director, Early Years
Hazel Phillips, Executive Director, Capital Planning
Sheldon Ramstead, Executive Director, Information Management and Support
Rhiannon Shaw, Executive Director, Corporate Services
Cindy Jeanes, Director, Early Learning and Workforce

4. The following document was tabled:

Ministry of Education: Status update, dated October 17, 2025

(PAC 59-30)

5. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2023 report volume 2, chapter 18, Education — Evaluating the Early Learning Intensive Support Program.
6. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2024 report volume 1, chapter 10, Education — Instruction Time.

The following Ministry of Education officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Clint Repski, Deputy Minister
Sameema Haque, Assistant Deputy Minister
Jason Pirlot, Assistant Deputy Minister
Tim Caleval, Executive Director, Priority Action Team
Sean Chase, Executive Director, Student Achievement and Supports
Angela Chobanik, Executive Director, Education Funding
Ken Dueck, Executive Director, Strategic Policy and Planning
Janet Mitchell, Executive Director, Early Years
Hazel Phillips, Executive Director, Capital Planning
Sheldon Ramstead, Executive Director, Information Management and Support
Rhiannon Shaw, Executive Director, Corporate Services
Cindy Jeanes, Director, Early Learning and Workforce

7. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2024 report volume 1, chapter 10, Education — Instruction Time.
8. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2025 report volume 1, chapter 8, Education — Improving Educational Outcomes for Indigenous Students.

The following Ministry of Education officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Clint Repski, Deputy Minister
Sameema Haque, Assistant Deputy Minister
Jason Pirlot, Assistant Deputy Minister
Tim Caleval, Executive Director, Priority Action Team
Sean Chase, Executive Director, Student Achievement and Supports
Angela Chobanik, Executive Director, Education Funding
Ken Dueck, Executive Director, Strategic Policy and Planning
Janet Mitchell, Executive Director, Early Years
Hazel Phillips, Executive Director, Capital Planning
Sheldon Ramstead, Executive Director, Information Management and Support
Rhiannon Shaw, Executive Director, Corporate Services
Cindy Jeanes, Director, Early Learning and Workforce

9. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2025 report volume 1, chapter 8, Education — Improving Educational Outcomes for Indigenous Students.
10. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2024 report volume 1, chapter 4, Living Sky School Division No. 202 — Providing Intervention Services to High School Students with Significant Mental Health Concerns.

The following officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Ministry of Education

Clint Repski, Deputy Minister

Sameema Haque, Assistant Deputy Minister

Jason Pirlot, Assistant Deputy Minister

Tim Caleval, Executive Director, Priority Action Team

Sean Chase, Executive Director, Student Achievement and Supports

Angela Chobanik, Executive Director, Education Funding

Ken Dueck, Executive Director, Strategic Policy and Planning

Janet Mitchell, Executive Director, Early Years

Hazel Phillips, Executive Director, Capital Planning

Sheldon Ramstead, Executive Director, Information Management and Support

Rhiannon Shaw, Executive Director, Corporate Services

Cindy Jeanes, Director, Early Learning and Workforce

Living Sky School Division No. 202

Tonya Lehman, Deputy Director

Jennifer Harder, Service Lead, Learning Services

11. The committee concurred with recommendation 1 made at page 75 of the Provincial Auditor's 2024 report volume 1, chapter 4, Living Sky School Division No. 202 — Providing Intervention Services to High School Students with Significant Mental Health Concerns:

We recommend Living Sky School Division No. 202 formally analyze counsellor caseloads to assess whether it has appropriate resources to support high school students with mental health concerns.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Education has complied with the recommendation.

12. The committee concurred with recommendation 2 made at page 76 of the Provincial Auditor's 2024 report volume 1, chapter 4, Living Sky School Division No. 202 — Providing Intervention Services to High School Students with Significant Mental Health Concerns:

We recommend Living Sky School Division No. 202 have all counsellors use standard risk assessment tools when documenting decisions for high school students at risk of suicide.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Education has complied with the recommendation.

13. The committee concurred with recommendation 3 made at page 77 of the Provincial Auditor's 2024 report volume 1, chapter 4, Living Sky School Division No. 202 — Providing Intervention Services to High School Students with Significant Mental Health Concerns:

We recommend Living Sky School Division No. 202 have counsellors document safety plans for all high school students at risk of suicide.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Education has complied with the recommendation.

14. The committee concurred with recommendation 4 made at page 79 of the Provincial Auditor's 2024 report volume 1, chapter 4, Living Sky School Division No. 202 — Providing Intervention Services to High School Students with Significant Mental Health Concerns:

We recommend Living Sky School Division No. 202 track referrals of high school students with significant mental health concerns to outside agencies.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Education has complied with the recommendation.

15. The committee concurred with recommendation 5 made at page 80 of the Provincial Auditor's 2024 report volume 1, chapter 4, Living Sky School Division No. 202 — Providing Intervention Services to High School Students with Significant Mental Health Concerns:

We recommend Living Sky School Division No. 202, with leadership support from the Ministry of Education, develop and implement information sharing agreements with key outside agencies to share relevant information relating to high school students' mental health concerns.

16. The committee concurred with recommendation 6 made at page 81 of the Provincial Auditor's 2024 report volume 1, chapter 4, Living Sky School Division No. 202 — Providing Intervention Services to High School Students with Significant Mental Health Concerns:

We recommend Living Sky School Division No. 202 formally track and prepare mental health critical incident reports for its high schools.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Education has complied with the recommendation.

17. The committee concurred with recommendation 7 made at page 83 of the Provincial Auditor's 2024 report volume 1, chapter 4, Living Sky School Division No. 202 — Providing Intervention Services to High School Students with Significant Mental Health Concerns:

We recommend Living Sky School Division No. 202 analyze and report key information to senior management and the Board related to timely intervention services provided to high school students with significant mental health concerns.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Education has complied with the recommendation.

18. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2024 report volume 1, chapter 5, Regina Public School Division No. 4 — Delivering Prekindergarten Programming.

The following officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Ministry of Education

Clint Repski, Deputy Minister

Sameema Haque, Assistant Deputy Minister

Jason Pirlot, Assistant Deputy Minister

Tim Caleval, Executive Director, Priority Action Team

Sean Chase, Executive Director, Student Achievement and Supports

Angela Chobanik, Executive Director, Education Funding

Ken Dueck, Executive Director, Strategic Policy and Planning

Janet Mitchell, Executive Director, Early Years

Hazel Phillips, Executive Director, Capital Planning

Sheldon Ramstead, Executive Director, Information Management and Support

Rhiannon Shaw, Executive Director, Corporate Services

Cindy Jeanes, Director, Early Learning and Workforce

Regina Public School Division No. 4
Rick Steciuk, Deputy Director, Teaching and Learning
Juanita Redekopp, Supervisor, Teaching and Learning

19. The committee concurred with recommendation 1 made at page 92 of the Provincial Auditor's 2024 report volume 1, chapter 5, Regina Public School Division No. 4 — Delivering Prekindergarten Programming:

We recommend Regina Public School Division No. 4 formally analyze its prekindergarten enrolment to help identify and mitigate barriers to students entering the program and full space utilization.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Education has complied with the recommendation.

20. The committee concurred with recommendation 2 made at page 94 of the Provincial Auditor's 2024 report volume 1, chapter 5, Regina Public School Division No. 4 — Delivering Prekindergarten Programming:

We recommend Regina Public School Division No. 4 centrally monitor and analyze its prekindergarten waitlists.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Education has complied with the recommendation.

21. The committee concurred with recommendation 3 made at page 95 of the Provincial Auditor's 2024 report volume 1, chapter 5, Regina Public School Division No. 4 — Delivering Prekindergarten Programming:

We recommend Regina Public School Division No. 4 use sufficient measures to assess and report on the delivery of its prekindergarten programming.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Education has complied with the recommendation.

22. The committee concurred with recommendation 4 made at page 99 of the Provincial Auditor's 2024 report volume 1, chapter 5, Regina Public School Division No. 4 — Delivering Prekindergarten Programming:

We recommend Regina Public School Division No. 4 periodically conduct formal assessments of prekindergarten classroom environments.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Education has complied with the recommendation.

23. The committee concurred with recommendation 5 made at page 102 of the Provincial Auditor's 2024 report volume 1, chapter 5, Regina Public School Division No. 4 — Delivering Prekindergarten Programming:

We recommend Regina Public School Division No. 4 communicate with prekindergarten teachers about its partnerships with other agencies providing support services to children.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Education has complied with the recommendation.

24. The committee concurred with recommendation 6 made at page 104 of the Provincial Auditor's 2024 report volume 1, chapter 5, Regina Public School Division No. 4 — Delivering Prekindergarten Programming:

We recommend Regina Public School Division No. 4 implement a consistent method for prekindergarten teachers to track family visits.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Education has complied with the recommendation.

25. The committee concurred with recommendation 7 made at page 105 of the Provincial Auditor's 2024 report volume 1, chapter 5, Regina Public School Division No. 4 — Delivering Prekindergarten Programming:

We recommend Regina Public School Division No. 4 provide its Board with detailed analysis of changes to its prekindergarten enrolment.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Education has complied with the recommendation.

26. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2022 report volume 1, chapter 14, Horizon School Division No. 205 — Maintaining Facilities; and 2024 report volume 1, chapter 14, Horizon School Division No. 205 — Maintaining Facilities.

27. The following officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Ministry of Education

Clint Repski, Deputy Minister

Sameema Haque, Assistant Deputy Minister

Jason Pirlot, Assistant Deputy Minister

Tim Caleval, Executive Director, Priority Action Team

Sean Chase, Executive Director, Student Achievement and Supports

Angela Chobanik, Executive Director, Education Funding

Ken Dueck, Executive Director, Strategic Policy and Planning

Janet Mitchell, Executive Director, Early Years

Hazel Phillips, Executive Director, Capital Planning

Sheldon Ramstead, Executive Director, Information Management and Support

Rhiannon Shaw, Executive Director, Corporate Services

Cindy Jeanes, Director, Early Learning and Workforce

Horizon School Division No. 205

Kevin Garinger, Director, Education

Justin Arendt, Superintendent, Operational Services

Kameron Kiland, Manager, Facility Services

28. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2022 report volume 1, chapter 14, Horizon School Division No. 205 — Maintaining Facilities; and 2024 report volume 1, chapter 14, Horizon School Division No. 205 — Maintaining Facilities.

29. The committee recessed from 12:01 p.m. until 1:04 p.m.

30. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2022 report volume 1, chapter 15, Northern Lights School Division No. 113 — Purchasing Goods and Services; and 2024 report volume 2, chapter 22, Northern Lights School Division No. 113 — Purchasing Goods and Services.
31. The following officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Ministry of Education

Clint Repski, Deputy Minister
Sameema Haque, Assistant Deputy Minister
Jason Pirlot, Assistant Deputy Minister
Tim Caleval, Executive Director, Priority Action Team
Sean Chase, Executive Director, Student Achievement and Supports
Angela Chobanik, Executive Director, Education Funding
Ken Dueck, Executive Director, Strategic Policy and Planning
Janet Mitchell, Executive Director, Early Years
Hazel Phillips, Executive Director, Capital Planning
Sheldon Ramstead, Executive Director, Information Management and Support
Rhiannon Shaw, Executive Director, Corporate Services
Cindy Jeanes, Director, Early Learning and Workforce

Northern Lights School Division No. 113

Tom Harrington, Chief Financial Officer
Jason Young, Director, Education
Joey McCallum, Board Chair

32. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2022 report volume 1, chapter 15, Northern Lights School Division No. 113 — Purchasing Goods and Services; and 2024 report volume 2, chapter 22, Northern Lights School Division No. 113 — Purchasing Goods and Services.
33. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2023 report volume 1, chapter 15, Prairie Spirit School Division No. 206 — Maintaining Facilities.
34. The following officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Ministry of Education

Clint Repski, Deputy Minister
Sameema Haque, Assistant Deputy Minister
Jason Pirlot, Assistant Deputy Minister
Tim Caleval, Executive Director, Priority Action Team
Sean Chase, Executive Director, Student Achievement and Supports
Angela Chobanik, Executive Director, Education Funding
Ken Dueck, Executive Director, Strategic Policy and Planning
Janet Mitchell, Executive Director, Early Years
Hazel Phillips, Executive Director, Capital Planning
Sheldon Ramstead, Executive Director, Information Management and Support
Rhiannon Shaw, Executive Director, Corporate Services
Cindy Jeanes, Director, Early Learning and Workforce

Prairie Spirit School Division No. 206

Bob Bayles, Chief Financial Officer

35. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2023 report volume 1, chapter 15, Prairie Spirit School Division No. 206 — Maintaining Facilities.
36. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2024 report volume 1, chapter 20, Saskatoon School Division No. 13 — Supporting Students with Intensive Needs.
37. The following officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Ministry of Education

Clint Repski, Deputy Minister
Sameema Haque, Assistant Deputy Minister
Jason Pirlot, Assistant Deputy Minister
Tim Caleval, Executive Director, Priority Action Team
Sean Chase, Executive Director, Student Achievement and Supports
Angela Chobanik, Executive Director, Education Funding
Ken Dueck, Executive Director, Strategic Policy and Planning
Janet Mitchell, Executive Director, Early Years
Hazel Phillips, Executive Director, Capital Planning
Sheldon Ramstead, Executive Director, Information Management and Support
Rhiannon Shaw, Executive Director, Corporate Services
Cindy Jeanes, Director, Early Learning and Workforce

Saskatoon School Division No. 13

Trish Reeve, Superintendent, Education
Michelle Howard, Coordinator
Andrea Woods-Fehr, Coordinator

38. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2024 report volume 1, chapter 20, Saskatoon School Division No. 13 — Supporting Students with Intensive Needs.
39. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2025 report volume 1, chapter 18, Saskatoon Public School Division No. 13 — Kindergarten Readiness to Learn.
40. The following officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Ministry of Education

Clint Repski, Deputy Minister
Sameema Haque, Assistant Deputy Minister
Jason Pirlot, Assistant Deputy Minister
Tim Caleval, Executive Director, Priority Action Team
Sean Chase, Executive Director, Student Achievement and Supports
Angela Chobanik, Executive Director, Education Funding
Ken Dueck, Executive Director, Strategic Policy and Planning
Janet Mitchell, Executive Director, Early Years
Hazel Phillips, Executive Director, Capital Planning
Sheldon Ramstead, Executive Director, Information Management and Support
Rhiannon Shaw, Executive Director, Corporate Services
Cindy Jeanes, Director, Early Learning and Workforce

Saskatoon School Division No. 13
Trish Reeve, Superintendent, Education
Michelle Howard, Coordinator
Andrea Woods-Fehr, Coordinator

41. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2025 report volume 1, chapter 18, Saskatoon Public School Division No. 13 — Kindergarten Readiness to Learn.
42. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2024 report volume 1, chapter 23, St. Paul's Roman Catholic Separate School Division No. 20 — Adapting Technology for Learning in Elementary Schools.
43. The following Ministry of Education officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Clint Repski, Deputy Minister
Sameema Haque, Assistant Deputy Minister
Jason Pirlot, Assistant Deputy Minister
Tim Caleval, Executive Director, Priority Action Team
Sean Chase, Executive Director, Student Achievement and Supports
Angela Chobanik, Executive Director, Education Funding
Ken Dueck, Executive Director, Strategic Policy and Planning
Janet Mitchell, Executive Director, Early Years
Hazel Phillips, Executive Director, Capital Planning
Sheldon Ramstead, Executive Director, Information Management and Support
Rhiannon Shaw, Executive Director, Corporate Services
Cindy Jeanes, Director, Early Learning and Workforce

44. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2024 report volume 1, chapter 23, St. Paul's Roman Catholic Separate School Division No. 20 — Adapting Technology for Learning in Elementary Schools.
45. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2024 report volume 1, chapter 1, School Divisions; and 2025 report volume 1, chapter 2, School Divisions.
46. The following officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Ministry of Education
Clint Repski, Deputy Minister
Sameema Haque, Assistant Deputy Minister
Jason Pirlot, Assistant Deputy Minister
Tim Caleval, Executive Director, Priority Action Team
Sean Chase, Executive Director, Student Achievement and Supports
Angela Chobanik, Executive Director, Education Funding
Ken Dueck, Executive Director, Strategic Policy and Planning
Janet Mitchell, Executive Director, Early Years
Hazel Phillips, Executive Director, Capital Planning
Sheldon Ramstead, Executive Director, Information Management and Support
Rhiannon Shaw, Executive Director, Corporate Services
Cindy Jeanes, Director, Early Learning and Workforce

Conseil des Écoles Fransaskoises No. 310
Radouane Zinoun, Responsable des finances
Holy Family Roman Catholic Separate School Division No. 140
Britany Burnett, Chief Financial Officer
Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Separate School Division No. 22
Curt Van Parys, Chief Financial Officer
Île-à-la Crosse School Division No. 112
Jansen Corrigan, Chief Financial Officer
Sharon Hoffman, Director, Education
Northern Lights School Division No. 113
Tom Harrington, Chief Financial Officer
Jason Young, Director, Education
Joey McCallum, Board Chair
Northwest School Division No. 203
Michelle Pickett, Chief Financial Officer

47. The committee concurred with recommendation 1 made at page 17 of the Provincial Auditor's 2024 report volume 1, chapter 1, School Divisions:

We recommend the impacted school divisions follow Canadian generally accepted accounting principles for the public sector when recording capital transfers in their financial records.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Education has complied with the recommendation.

48. The committee concurred with recommendation 2 made at page 18 of the Provincial Auditor's 2024 report volume 1, chapter 1, School Divisions:

We recommend Holy Family Roman Catholic Separate School Division No. 140 segregate duties of employees responsible for key financial functions.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Education has complied with the recommendation.

49. The committee concurred with recommendation 3 made at page 19 of the Provincial Auditor's 2024 report volume 1, chapter 1, School Divisions:

We recommend Northwest School Division No. 203 complete key financial reconciliations monthly and independently review and approve them in a timely manner.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Education has complied with the recommendation.

50. The committee concurred with recommendation 4 made at page 20 of the Provincial Auditor's 2024 report volume 1, chapter 1, School Divisions:

We recommend Northwest School Division No. 203 segregate duties of employees responsible for key financial functions.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Education has complied with the recommendation.

51. The committee concurred with recommendation 5 made at page 20 of the Provincial Auditor's 2024 report volume 1, chapter 1, School Divisions:

We recommend Northern Lights School Division No. 113 segregate incompatible duties for payment approvals and cheque signing.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Education has complied with the recommendation.

52. The committee concurred with recommendation 6 made at page 20 of the Provincial Auditor's 2024 report volume 1, chapter 1, School Divisions:

We recommend Saskatchewan Rivers School Division No.119 follow its purchasing policy and obtain the required quotes for its purchases.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Education has complied with the recommendation.

53. The committee concurred with recommendation 1 made at page 20 of the Provincial Auditor's 2025 report volume 1, chapter 2, School Divisions:

We recommend Conseil des Écoles Fransaskoises No. 310 independently review and approve journal entries.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Education has complied with the recommendation.

54. The committee concurred with recommendation 2 made at page 21 of the Provincial Auditor's 2025 report volume 1, chapter 2, School Divisions:

We recommend Conseil des Écoles Fransaskoises No. 310 require two independent signers in the banking system to review and approve electronic fund transfers.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Education has complied with the recommendation.

55. The committee concurred with recommendation 3 made at page 21 of the Provincial Auditor's 2025 report volume 1, chapter 2, School Divisions:

We recommend Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Separate School Division No. 22 prepare and review monthly bank reconciliations in a timely manner.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Education has complied with the recommendation.

56. The committee concurred with recommendation 4 made at page 21 of the Provincial Auditor's 2025 report volume 1, chapter 2, School Divisions:

We recommend Île-à-la Crosse School Division No. 112 prepare and review monthly bank reconciliations in a timely manner.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Education has complied with the recommendation.

57. The committee concurred with recommendation 5 made at page 22 of the Provincial Auditor's 2025 report volume 1, chapter 2, School Divisions:

We recommend Île-à-la Crosse School Division No. 112 independently review and approve journal entries and maintain support.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Education has complied with the recommendation.

58. The committee concurred with recommendation 6 made at page 22 of the Provincial Auditor's 2025 report volume 1, chapter 2, School Divisions:

We recommend the Ministry of Education provide Northern Lights School Division No. 113's annual report to the Legislative Assembly in accordance with timeframes set in *The Executive Government Administration Act*.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Education has complied with the recommendation.

59. The committee concurred with recommendation 7 made at page 23 of the Provincial Auditor's 2025 report volume 1, chapter 2, School Divisions:

We recommend Northern Lights School Division No. 113 obtain prior approval from the Minister of Education for certain purchases in accordance with *The Education Act, 1995*.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Education has complied with the recommendation.

60. The committee concurred with recommendation 8 made at page 23 of the Provincial Auditor's 2025 report volume 1, chapter 2, School Divisions:

We recommend Northern Lights School Division No. 113 prepare and review monthly bank reconciliations in a timely manner.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Education is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.

61. The committee concurred with recommendation 9 made at page 23 of the Provincial Auditor's 2025 report volume 1, chapter 2, School Divisions:

We recommend Northern Lights School Division No. 113 independently review and approve journal entries.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Education has complied with the recommendation.

62. The committee recessed from 2:48 p.m. until 3:08 p.m.

63. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2023 report volume 2, chapter 16, Advanced Education — Working with the Advanced Education Sector to Achieve Ministry Strategies.

The following Ministry of Advanced Education officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Louise Michaud, Deputy Minister

Lindell Veitch, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate and Student Services

Mark Wyatt, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategy and Sector Relations

Jon Altwasser, Executive Director, Corporate Finance

Mike Pestill, Executive Director, Sector Management and Relations

Jill Tzupa, Executive Director, Strategy, Planning and Sector Engagement

64. The following document was tabled:

Ministry of Advanced Education: Status update, dated October 17, 2025

(PAC 60-30)

65. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2023 report volume 2, chapter 16, Advanced Education — Working with the Advanced Education Sector to Achieve Ministry Strategies.

66. The committee recessed from 3:18 p.m. until 3:23 p.m.

67. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2024 report volume 2, chapter 23, Northlands College — Purchasing Goods and Services.

The following officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Ministry of Advanced Education

Mark Wyatt, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategy and Sector Relations

Mike Pestill, Executive Director, Sector Management and Relations

Northlands College

Michael McCormick, President and Chief Executive Officer

Catherine Koch, Vice-President, Finance, Administration, and Sustainability

68. The committee concurred with recommendation 1 made at page 231 of the Provincial Auditor's 2024 report volume 2, chapter 23, Northlands College — Purchasing Goods and Services:

We recommend Northlands College comply with its established policies for travel and business expense claims and for corporate credit cards.

The committee noted that Northlands College has complied with the recommendation.

69. The following document was tabled:

Northlands College: Status update, dated October 17, 2025

(PAC 61-30)

70. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2023 report volume 2, chapter 6, Northlands College; and 2024 report volume 2, chapter 6, Northlands College.

The following officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Ministry of Advanced Education

Mark Wyatt, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategy and Sector Relations

Mike Pestill, Executive Director, Sector Management and Relations

Northlands College

Michael McCormick, President and Chief Executive Officer

Catherine Koch, Vice-President, Finance, Administration, and Sustainability

71. The committee concurred with recommendation 1 made at page 41 of the Provincial Auditor's 2023 report volume 2, chapter 6, Northlands College:

We recommend Northlands College review and approve credit card reconciliations as required by its policy.

The committee noted that Northlands College has complied with the recommendation.

72. The committee concurred with recommendation 2 made at page 41 of the Provincial Auditor's 2023 report volume 2, chapter 6, Northlands College:

We recommend Northlands College restrict access to its cheque-signing system to appropriately segregate duties.

The committee noted that Northlands College has complied with the recommendation.

73. The committee concurred with recommendation 1 made at page 40 of the Provincial Auditor's 2024 report volume 2, chapter 6, Northlands College:

We recommend Northlands College independently review and approve monthly bank reconciliations timely.

The committee noted that Northlands College has complied with the recommendation.

74. The committee concurred with recommendation 2 made at page 40 of the Provincial Auditor's 2024 report volume 2, chapter 6, Northlands College:

We recommend Northlands College independently review and approve supported journal entries.

The committee noted that Northlands College has complied with the recommendation.

75. It was moved by Brad Crassweller:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

76. The committee adjourned at 4:09 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Miranda Gudereit
Committee Clerk

Trent Wotherspoon
Chair