

PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

Special Meeting

May 16, 2024

I. PRELIMINARIES

A special meeting of the 2023-25 Provincial Executive Council was conducted via Zoom on Thursday, May 16, 2024. The meeting convened at 3:35 p.m. and adjourned at 4:35 p.m. Participating in the meeting from Provincial Executive were: Trent Langdon (Chair), Dale Lambe, Angela Dawe, Lynette Snook, Sheldon Slaney, Della Way, Colin Short, Sean Weir, Hollis Cull, Russell Stockley, Tracey Payne, and Darryl George. Participating from Staff were Stefanie Tuff, Ian Crewe, Jennifer Tulk, and Samantha Lee.

II. BUSINESS

The President noted that there was one agenda item for this meeting – Management of the NLTA Teacher Voice Facebook Group.

The Vice-President took the Chair.

The President noted that reports and concerns from members regarding posted content on the NLTA Teacher Voice Facebook Group have increased significantly. The Executive Director provided some background information on the establishment of the Group in 2019 and advised as well that there has been a recent and exponential increase in the number of complaints and inappropriate content reports within the Group. The volume has exceeded what staff have the ability to investigate and respond to in a timely manner, resulting in a substantial backlog and concern about the impact of potentially inappropriate content remaining visible/accessible.

Debate and discussion ensued, including consideration of the benefits of the Group as a space for members to connect, as well as the responsibility and ability of the NLTA to oversee online member conduct in the particular context of an NLTA sponsored social media forum. The Group has never been the primary mode for NLTA communications or for members to seek Association assistance with individual, employment related matters.

A vote was called on the following motion:

Langdon/Short: That the NLTA Teacher Voice Facebook group be discontinued indefinitely, pending further consideration by Provincial Executive.

CARRIED

Mr. Weir asked that his decision to abstain from the vote be recorded.

The Executive Director advised that a communication of Provincial Executive's decision will be sent out to all members as soon as possible via email.

The future of the NLTA Teacher Voice Facebook group will be discussed further at the next meeting of Provincial Executive.

III. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Provincial Executive is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, June 7-8, 2024, in St. John's, NL.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

CONFIRMED:

PRESIDENT

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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