54 Closed Meetings

- 54.1 Business will be conducted in closed session when, in the opinion of the Board, it is of such a nature that the public interest so requires. Unless otherwise determined by the Board, the following matters shall be considered in closed session:
 - (a) Matters that are required to be kept confidential due to **privacy legislation**, including but not limited to:
 - a. disclosure of personal information that would unreasonably invade a person's privacy;
 - b. disclosure that would harm the business interests of a third party, or;
 - c. disclosure that would harm the financial or economic interest of a public body or the government;
 - d. Disclosure of matters pertaining to individual students;
 - (b) Disclosure of information would harm the **economic interests** of the Board, including but not limited to:
 - a. matters related to collective bargaining;
 - b. matters related to compensation or contract discussions related to employees excluded from collective bargaining;
 - c. accident claims and other matters where Board liability may arise, or;
 - d. purchase, lease, sale or exchange of real property prior to finalization thereof;
 - (c) Records covered by **solicitor-client privilege** (e.g., legal advice);
 - (d) Disclosure that would harm a law enforcement matter;
 - (e) Such other matters where the Board decides that the **public interest** so requires.
- At any time during a Closed meeting, trustees may challenge whether an item should be dealt with in the Closed meeting. In voting on such a challenge, the item comes off the closed-meeting agenda for consideration at an open meeting unless a majority of the board votes in favour of dealing with the item in closed meeting. To provide opportunity for the public to have prior notice, items moved to an Open meeting will be scheduled for the following month, unless the matter is of an urgent nature.

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