

# CODE OF CONDUCT REPORT RELEASED ON CATHOLIC TRUSTEE

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The public now has insight about what led to a now former Halton Catholic District School Board (HCDSB) trustee being barred from multiple meetings.

The previously confidential 14-page investigation report of Vincent Iantomasi code of conduct violations was released to the public on Oct. 11 following an Oct. 4 vote by trustees. The report documents 25 different events that form the full complaint and include incidences of Iantomasi's conduct over email, text messages and at board meetings.

When Iantomasi was contacted for comment on the release of the report, his wife, Arlene Iantomasi, responded. Arlene Iantomasi indicated that due



HCDSB photo  
VINCENT IANTOMASI

to her husband's medical situation, she is currently handling his correspondence.

She said they are now seeking legal counsel in regard to the matter and will not be making a full statement on the report, completed by board vice-chair and Burlington trustee Brenda Agnew, at

this time.

"It is not possible for him to properly, fully comment on the unexpected release of the report from Trustee Agnew that contains predominantly in-camera and private internal board correspondence," said Arlene Iantomasi.

The report highlights several text messages sent by Iantomasi to board chair Marvin Duarte.

The messages are described in the report as being unsolicited and as going unanswered by Duarte.

"These texts include a suggestion of collusion, and comments regarding Trustee Duarte's knowledge and also seem to draw issue with Trustee Duarte not being from our country from birth," reads the report.

Arlene Iantomasi dis-

agreed that her husband's statements were about Duarte's country of origin.

"Given that Trustee Iantomasi is himself an immigrant, the perception by the chair has been entirely misinterpreted to imply that his country of origin had anything to do with Trustee Iantomasi's comments regarding the chair's knowledge, or lack thereof, of legal processes and legislature," said Arlene Iantomasi.

The Code of Conduct policy requires that trustees behave with decorum to other trustees, including through electronic communication.

In another set of quoted texts from Iantomasi included in the report, he questions Duarte's competence.

"Ur at disadvantage because u just don't know and don't take the time to

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find out/incompetence!" and "Me.Chair U just don't know please learn procedure for the benefit of HCDSB," read the texts in the report.

The full complaint includes emails from Iantomasi, which the report labels as disrespectful and accusatory. It also includes examples of Iantomasi's actions during meetings, which are also

described as disrespectful and accusatory.

Board meetings over the last term have repeatedly included outbursts, interruptions and trustees being removed from the meeting. A 2021 report from a third party on the board's conduct highlighted multiple examples of factionalism and dysfunction around the board table.

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