



MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING

GVPL Central Branch, 735 Broughton Street

Community Meeting Room & MS Teams

February 25, 2025

A hybrid meeting of the Greater Victoria Public Library Board was held on the above date. The following individuals were in attendance:

Board Members:

Trustee A. Appleton
Trustee K. Boehnert
Trustee D. Cavens (Vice-Chair)
Trustee S. Donaldson
Trustee D. Grove
Trustee R. Henderson
Trustee S. Khair (Chair)
Trustee S. Kim
Trustee S. Lansdowne
Trustee G. Lemon
Trustee R. McClure
Trustee M. Morley
Trustee G. Newton
Trustee T. Phelps Bondaroff
Trustee R. Ranjan
Trustee K. Roessingh
Trustee R. Stromberg
Trustee N. White
Trustee M. Wey

Staff:

M. Sawa, CEO/Board Secretary
M. Barnes, Assistant Director, Finance
J. Gingera, Director, Systems Integration, Resource Management and IT
D. Wood, Executive Director, Library Services
E. Russell, Recording Secretary
R. Bagniet President, CUPE 410

1. CALL TO ORDER

S. Khair called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

S. Khair provided the Indigenous Acknowledgement.

3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Request to remove the following items from the Consent Agenda:

- 4.5.1. Correspondence

Items 4.5.1 and 4.5.2 were removed from the Consent Agenda and moved to New Business 9.3 and 9.4 respectively.

Moved by Trustee Roessingh seconded by Trustee Lemon,

THAT items 4.1 & 4.2 be approved.

THAT Item 4.3 be received for information.

4.1 Approval of Agenda

4.2 Approval of Minutes – January 28, 2025

4.3 Chair's Report

4.4 CEO's Report

MOTION CARRIED

5. CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair reported that the 2025 budget presentations to councils continue with the latest presentation to the District of Oak Bay on January 24, 2025. Initial meet and greet sessions between the Chair, Vice- Chair and new board trustees have taken place. The Chair noted British Columbia Library Trustees Association (BCLTA) engagement opportunities and advised that a date for board retreat will be confirmed in the near future.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

6.1. Board Committees

6.1.1. 2025 Committee Membership

2025 Board committee appointments are included in the agenda package. Trustees are welcome and encouraged to attend meetings of both committees.

6.1.2. 2025 Committee Meeting Schedules

2025 Finance Committee meeting dates have been confirmed. The 2025 meeting schedule for the Planning and Policy Committee will be developed following the committee's inaugural meeting in March.

6.1.3. 2025 Committee Priorities

The Chair provided an overview of the roles of the two committees, noting the importance of member participation.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1. Board Engagement

The Chair announced that a board engagement survey has been prepared that will be distributed to trustees following this meeting to provide trustees with an opportunity to share feedback and expectations regarding their role.

7.2. Correspondence

7.2.1. Email received from Patron, February 9, 2025

M. Sawa noted that the resumption of Sunday service is not yet possible due to current limitations of staffing. As our staffing levels stabilize, we will be able to support increased open hours.

7.2.2. Patron letter received February 17, 2025

M. Sawa reported that GVPL's InterLibrary Loan service is scheduled to resume on March 12.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE:

March 25, 2025; 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Lemon, Seconded by Trustee White,

THAT the February 25, 2025 Regular Board Meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

Board Chair

Board Secretary