



MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
GVPL Central Branch, 735 Broughton Street
Community Meeting Room & MS Teams
January 27, 2026

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

Regrets:

Trustee G. Newton
Trustee R. Stromberg

Staff:

M. Sawa, CEO/Board Secretary
M. Collyer, Director Marketing & Communications
D. Fergusson-Hirmer, Director, People & Culture
S. Harrison, Acting Assistant Director, Service Design
R. Rogers, Acting Assistant Director, Collections and Technical Services
E. Russell, Recording Secretary
R. Baugniet, CUPE 410

Guest:

Mack Hardy, CEO, Affinity Bridge
Maria Perulero, Affinity Bridge

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Secretary M. Sawa called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm.

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

M. Sawa provided the Indigenous Acknowledgement.

3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

M. Sawa welcomed trustees to the first meeting of 2026.

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Trustee K. Roessingh; Seconded by Trustee D. Grove

THAT items 4.1 & 4.2 be approved, and items 4.3 to 4.5 be received for information.

4.1. Approval of Agenda

4.2. Approval of Minutes – December 16, 2025

4.3. CEO Report

4.4. 2026 Trustee Appointments by Municipality

4.5. 2026 GVPL Board meeting dates

MOTION CARRIED

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

5.1. Chair

The Secretary called for nominations for Chair of the Greater Victoria Public Library Board.

Moved by Trustee Khair and seconded by Trustee Roessingh,

THAT Trustee Duncan Cavens be nominated for the position of Board Chair for a one-year term.

MOTION CARRIED.

A call for further nominations was made two times. There were no further nominations.

Voting by general consent was conducted, and Trustee Duncan Cavens was elected as Chair of the Greater Victoria Public Library Board.

5.2. Vice-Chair

The Chair called for nominations for Vice Chair of the Greater Victoria Public Library Board.

Moved by Trustee Khair and seconded by Trustee Lemon,

THAT Trustee Nik White be nominated for the position of Board Vice- Chair for a one-year term.

MOTION CARRIED.

A call for further nominations was made two times; Voting by general consent was conducted, and Trustee Nik White was elected as the Vice Chair of the Greater Victoria Public Library Board.

6. APPOINTMENT OF SIGNING OFFICERS

Moved by Trustee Kim and seconded by Trustee Roessingh,

THAT Board Chair Trustee D. Cavens and Board Vice Chair Trustee N. White be appointed as Signing Officers.

MOTION CARRIED.

7. CHAIR'S REMARKS

Board Chair, D. Cavens provided a brief overview of the anticipated activities of the board in 2026, and continuing advocacy work on both federal and provincial fronts.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1. Board Committees 2026

Trustee White and Trustee Roessingh provided an overview of the responsibilities and functions of the Planning and Policy Committee and Finance Committee. Trustees were reminded that they are welcome to attend meetings of both committees. Trustees were asked to confirm their preferred committee membership for the 2026 term before the next board meeting.

Trustee Donaldson will continue to serve as GVPL's board liaison for the IslandLink Library Federation Board through to the 2026 Annual General Meeting.

8.2. Greater Victoria Labour Relations Association (GVLRA) Representative and Alternate Appointments 2026

Moved by Trustee Khair; seconded by Trustee Roessingh

THAT Trustees S. Kim and D. Cavens be appointed as GVPL representative and alternate respectively to the Greater Victoria Labour Relations Association Board for the term ending 31 December 2026

MOTION CARRIED

8.3. Staff Presentation- GVPL Website, Phase One Completion

Guest M. Hardy, CEO of Affinity Bridge, provided a high-level summary of the progress achieved in the first phase of the GVPL.ca Website project. The presentation included an overview of the accomplishments so far and outlined the planned next steps as the project moves into Phase Two.

9. IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee K. Roessingh; seconded by Trustee Ranjan

THAT the Board of Trustees move in camera

MOTION CARRIED

10. NEXT MEETING DATE:

February 24, 2026; 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Khair; Seconded by Trustee Lemon

THAT the January 27, 2026, Regular Board Meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

Board Chair

Board Secretary