



MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
GVPL Central Branch, 735 Broughton Street
Community Meeting Room & MS Teams
May 26, 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. Kim
Trustee S. Khair
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 M. Wey
Trustee N. White (Vice- Chair)

Staff:

M. Sawa, CEO/Board Secretary
M. Barnes, Assistant Director- Finance
M. Collyer, Director Marketing & Communications
D. Fergusson-Hirmer, Director, People & Culture
J. Gingera, Director, System Integration, Resource Management and IT
R. Hadziev, Acting Director, Special Projects
D. Joyce, Executive Director, Library Services
E. Russell, Recording Secretary
A. Shojaei, Assistant Director Safety Security, Facilities, & Risk Management
R. Baugniet, President, CUPE 410

1. CALL TO ORDER

D. Cavens called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm.

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

D. Cavens provided the Indigenous Acknowledgement.

3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

THAT Items 4.1-4.2 be approved; 4.3- 4.4 be received for information

4.1 Approval of Agenda

4.2 Approval of Minutes- April , 2026

4.3 Chair Report

4.4 CEO Report

MOTION CARRIED

5. CHAIR'S REMARKS

D. Cavens acknowledged the passing of Langford Councillor and former GVPL Trustee Lillian Szpak. He thanked those who were able to participate in the BookSmack event as part of the Vancouver Island Library Staff Conference. The 11th Emerging Local Authors Collection unveiling was held at Central Branch in the courtyard on Sunday, May 23, with the authors and their loved ones in attendance. GVPL staff were thanked for their efforts in expanding Sunday open hours through to June.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

6.1. CEO Search Committee Update

S. Khair reported that the committee's work is on target and that the committee has been working with Boyden throughout the recruitment process.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1. Finance Committee – Oral Report

Trustee S. Lansdowne, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported that the committee met on May 4, 2026. The meeting included presentations from GVPL's auditors, KPMG, and GVPL staff as they reviewed the financial statements, the 2025 audit findings report, and the Statement of Financial Information for Fiscal 2025.

7.1.1. Audited Financial Statements – Fiscal 2025

Moved by Trustee K. Roessingh; seconded by Trustee A. Appleton

THAT the Greater Victoria Public Library approve the Audited Financial Statements – Fiscal 2025.

MOTION CARRIED

7.1.2. Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) – Fiscal 2025

Moved by Trustee A. Appleton; seconded by Trustee K. Roessingh

THAT the Greater Victoria Public Library approve the Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) – Fiscal 2025.

MOTION CARRIED

7.2. Planning and Policy Committee – Oral Report

Trustee S. Kim, Chair of the Planning and Policy Committee, reported that at the May 12, 2026 meeting, the committee reviewed its 2026 priorities and work plan which will include several policy reviews and updates.

8. NEW BUSINESS

NONE

9. IN CAMERA MEETING

Moved by Trustee R. McClure; seconded by Trustee S. Kim

THAT the Board of Trustees move in camera.

MOTION CARRIED

10. NEXT MEETING DATE:

June 23, 2026; 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

THAT the May 26, 2026 Regular Board Meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

Board Chair

Board Secretary