

**OKANAGAN REGIONAL LIBRARY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINTUES**

Date: Wednesday, February 18, 2026
Location: Boardroom Library Administration Building, 1430 K.L.O. Road, Kelowna, BC and Virtually via Microsoft Teams

Trustees Present: Stephanie Hoffman, Coldstream
David Ramey, Enderby
Gord Lovegrove, Kelowna
Tracy Henderson, Keremeos
Petra Veintimilla, Oliver
Myers Bennett, Osoyoos
Terry Condon, Peachland
George Elliott, Princeton
Tim Palmer, Revelstoke
Kari Gares, Vernon
Tasha Da Silva, West Kelowna (Board Chair)
Kevin Kraft, Regional District Central Okanagan
Adrienne Fedrigo, Regional District Okanagan Similkameen

Trustees Participating Remotely: Joe Cramer, Armstrong
John Manuel, Golden
Cara Reed, Lake Country
Lori Mindnich, Lumby
Bob Evans, Sicamous
Erin Trainer, Summerland
Allysa Hopkins, Regional District North Okanagan

Trustees Absent: Sylvia Lindgren, Salmon Arm
Todd York, Spallumcheen
Mike DeGuevara, Westbank First Nation
Jay Simpson, Regional District Columbia Shuswap

Staff Present: Danielle Hubbard, Chief Executive Officer
Jeremy Feddersen, Chief Financial Officer
Mark Reinelt, Director of Public Services
Colleen Hardie, Director of Human Resources
Jeff Campbell, Chief Technology Officer
Michal Utko, Director of Marketing and Communications
Corinne Boback, Administrative Services Manager (Recording Secretary)

Shilo Jones, ORL Copywriter
Rita Verokosky, System Material Handling Coordinator
Michael Baird, Head of Technical Services
Lisa Farquharson, Head of Collection Development
Ashley Machum, Head of Youth Services and PEA Chair
Nicole Cabrejos, Branch Services Supervisor and CUPE President Loca 1123

Additional Guests: Jade Lafond, CUPE

1. ROLL CALL / ESTABLISH QUORUM (majority: 13+)

Quorum: majority of all members of the board [Library Act, Sec. 20(2)]

In accordance with the Library Act, Sec. 20(2), quorum was established with a majority of all members of the Board in attendance.

2. CALL TO ORDER

Chair to call the meeting to order at 11:50 am.

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The ORL acknowledges our presence on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded $trnx^w\acute{u}la?x^w$ (land) of the syilx / Okanagan people who have resided here since time immemorial. We recognize, honour, and respect the syilx / Okanagan lands upon which we live, work, and play.

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

All Trustees – Unweighted Vote – Simple Majority (Board Policy Section II.A / Community Charter s.123)

To adopt the agenda of the Board of Trustees meeting of February 18, 2026.

It was moved and seconded

THAT the February 18, 2026., Board of Trustees Meeting Agenda be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIOUSMLY

5. ADOPTION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

All Trustees - Unweighted Vote - Simple Majority (Board Policy Section II.C / Community Charter s.123)

To adopt the November 19, 2025, Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes.

It was moved and seconded

THAT the November 19, 2025, Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIOUSMLY

6. RISE AND REPORT

Tasha Da Silva provided the following rise and report statement:

I, as Chair of the Okanagan Regional Library Board, rise and report that the ORL Board has adopted an official Land Acknowledgement Statement and Policy.

The approved Land Acknowledgement statement reads as follows:

The Okanagan Regional Library respectfully acknowledges that we operate on the traditional and unceded territories of many First Nations. We recognize their enduring presence and stewardship of the land, trees, and water from time immemorial, and we are grateful for the opportunity to serve communities in these territories. The Okanagan Regional Library is committed to providing culturally safe and respectful spaces, services, and resources.

This Board-approved statement and policy align with the recent Truth and Reconciliation training staff completed in the spirit of continual learning and understanding of our First Nations.

ORL staff who wish to use a Land Acknowledgement in the course of their work for the ORL, will officially and respectfully use the Board-approved statement.

7. PRESENTATIONS

7.1 The Lifecycle of a Book Presentation

Ashley Machum, Rita Verokosky, Michael Baird, Lisa Farquharson provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Board on the Lifecycle of a Book and were available for questions and comments.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 BOARD POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORTS

All Trustees - Unweighted Vote - Simple Majority (Board Policy Section II.C / Community Charter s.123)

8.1.1 Artificial Intelligence Policy

Danielle Hubbard provided an introduction of an overarching Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy outlining five guiding principles when using AI for the ORL as outlined in the report and was available for questions and comments.

It was moved and seconded

THAT the Board approves the Artificial Intelligence Policy as presented at the February 18, 2026, ORL Board Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. STAFF REPORTS

9.1 CEO REPORT – Danielle Hubbard

All Trustees - Unweighted Vote - Simple Majority (Board Policy Section II.C / Community Charter s.123)

Danielle Hubbard updated the Board on the operational and strategic activities of the ORL as outlined in the report and was available for questions and comments.

It was moved and seconded

THAT the CEO report, date February 18, 2026, be received for information;

AND THAT the Board approve the Public Library Grant Report for submission to the province.

CARRIED UNANIOUSMLY

9.2 CFO REPORT – Jeremy Feddersen

All Trustees - Unweighted Vote - Simple Majority (Board Policy Section II.C / Community Charter s.123)

Jeremy Feddersen provided an update to the Board on the Financial Update Report Package to December 31, 2025, and was available for questions and comments.

It was moved and seconded

THAT the CFO report, dated February 18, 2026, pertaining to the Financial Update to December 31, 2025, be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIOUSMLY

10. CORRESPONDENCE

11. NEW BUSINESS

12. TRUSTEE ITEMS

13. ADJOURN

14. It was moved and seconded

THAT the February 18, 2026 Regular Board meeting be adjourned at 12:47 pm.

CARRIED UNANIOUSMLY



Tasha Da Silva, West Kelowna, Chair
Adopted: May 20, 2026