OKANAGAN REGIONAL LIBRARY

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SPECIAL REGULAR BOARD
MEETING MINTUES

Date:	Wednesday, July 15, 2026
Location:	Virtually via Microsoft Teams

Trustees Participating Remotely:	David Ramey, Enderby John Manuel, Golden Gord Lovegrove, Kelowna Tracy Henderson, Keremeos Cara Reed, Lake Country Lori Mindnich, Lumby Petra Veintimilla, Oliver Terry Condon, Peachland Sylvia Lindgren, Salmon Arm Erin Trainer, Summerland Tasha Da Silva, West Kelowna (Board Chair) Kevin Kraft, Regional District Central Okanagan Jay Simpson, Regional District Columbia Shuswap Adrienne Fedrigo, Regional District Okanagan Similkameen
Trustees Absent:	Neil Todd, Armstrong Stephanie Hoffman, Coldstream Myers Bennett, Osoyoos George Elliott, Princeton Tim Palmer, Revelstoke Bob Evans, Sicamous Todd York, Spallumcheen Kari Gares, Vernon Mike DeGuevara, Westbank First Nation Allysa Hopkins, Regional District North Okanagan
Staff Present:	Danielle Hubbard, Chief Executive Officer Jeremy Feddersen, Chief Financial Officer Corinne Boback, Administrative Services Manager (Recording Secretary) Tyler Fey, Vice President, CUPE 1123 Ashley Machum, PEA President, ORL Chapter

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 10:15 am.

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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 our communities in these territories. The Okanagan Regional Library is committed to providing culturally safe and respectful spaces, services, and resources.

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 Wednesday, July 15, 2026.

<u>It was moved and seconded</u>

THAT the Wednesday, July 15, 2026, Board of Trustees Meeting Agenda be adopted.

<u>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</u>

5. CEO REPORT

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

5.1 <u>Provincial Funding Reduction</u>

Danielle Hubbard summarized the province's reduction in funding for "large urban libraries" and proposed the Board sent a letter to the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs expressing concerns.

Danielle advised that she would be meeting with Minister Boyle, along with the CEOs of other impacted libraries, to discuss the funding reduction. The CEO group intends to request that the funding be restored.

Discussion also included concerns regarding the province's classification of "rural" versus "urban" communities.

The Board recommended revisions to the draft letter. Danielle Hubbard and Tasha Da Silva will incorporate the suggested edits prior to forwarding the letter to the Minister.

The Board expressed its support for Danielle engaging with the media regarding the funding reduction.

<u>It was moved and seconded</u>

THAT the Board instruct staff to send a letter to the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs in response to the recent provincial funding reallocation, as discussed in the CEO Report dated July 15, 2026.

<u>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</u>

6. ADJOURNMENT

To adjourn the Special Regular Board of Trustees meeting of July 15, 2026.

It was moved and seconded

THAT the Special Regular Board of Trustees meeting of July 15, 2026, be adjourned at 10:47 am.

The next ORL Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 9, 2026.

Tasha Da Silva, Chair, West Kelowna
Adopted: September 9, 2026