



## **St. Albert Public Library Board: Minutes January 21, 2026**

Minutes of the regular meeting in the Library Training Room

### **BOARD**

Meagan Dechaine

Jennifer Freitas

Angela Benowski

Darrell Manning

Jason Perry

### **REGRETS**

Jamie Tereposky

Sherry Love

### **STAFF**

Lisa Old, Acting CEO

Mary Ellen Green, Communications and Marketing Specialist

Rhonda Kozuska, HR and Finance Manager (recorder)

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by M. Dechaine at 7:09 pm

### **2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT (A. Benowski)**

### **3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

- Add in camera item

(26-01) D. Manning moved adoption of the agenda

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

(26-02) J. Perry moved adoption of the amended minutes of December 17, 2025

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

## 6. COMMITTEES

### 6.1. Internal Committee

#### 6.1.1 Carver Policy Review: Policy Type IV: a,b,c

- Putting Carver Policy review on pause until L. Winton starts and gives her input
- No Changes at this time

### 6.2. External Committee

#### Friends – J. Perry

- G. Matchuck will prioritize meeting with L. Winton, however will give her time to settle in
- Bylaw updates – requested by AGLC
- FFF – Life of Chuck Jan 30<sup>th</sup>
- Purdy's chocolate coming up soon
- Next FFF in April – possibly the Naked Gun
- The Librarians (film screening – possibly with other Friends' groups)
- Valerie's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary – R Kozuska will contact Valerie to discuss what she would be comfortable with
- Potential 'tasting' event – J. Perry and B. Moreau will meet to talk about their connections

### 7.2 Informal meeting with Board and council – Agenda review

- Asked the board to review and suggest other agenda items
- Will be discussed further at the February meeting with Laura
- Great feedback on the draft agenda so far

### 7.3 Advocacy through Coalition of Alberta Public Libraries

- L. Old will forward letter to the board

## 7. BUSINESS ARISING

### 7.1. Draft Space Use Policy

- Draft for initial review by board. L. Winton will have to take part in the edits and offer her input
- J. Perry – Asked about room booking policy details; A: Draft for a room booking policy is in the works. However, we currently don't have many spaces that are bookable (2 study rooms)

- Q: Is this consistent with other libraries A: Absolutely
- Q: Is it worth having a legal view? A: Not a bad idea
- Suggestions and discussion ensued

Q: What is the status of the meeting with D. Nally? A: Benowski will reach out to MLA office to ask to postpone it until L. Winton has been established here for a time.

## 8. CONSENT

### 9. IN CAMERA ITEMS

(26-03) D. Manning moved to go in camera

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

In camera meeting began 7:59 pm

(26-04) A. Benowski moved to go out of in camera

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

In camera meeting ended 8:31pm

### 10. ADJOURNMENT

(26-05) J. Freitas moved to adjourn

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm

**Date of next meeting: 7:00 pm Wednesday, February 18, 2026 - 2<sup>ND</sup> Floor Training Room**

These minutes are certified true and correct

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Board Chair