

**Surrey Public Library Board Regular Meeting
February 22, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
Guildford Branch**



Present: Trustees Herrmann (Chair), Cuenca, Gillies, Kaluarachchi, Kular, Pascal, Pham, Sohal, Smith, Werring
Regrets: Councillor Kooner, Trustee Gurm
Staff: Surinder Bhogal, Chief Librarian
Nav Gill, Administrative Coordinator
Guest: Jasper Wong, CUPE 402-02

M I N U T E S

1. CALL TO ORDER & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Trustee Herrmann called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and expressed appreciation working on the traditional territories of the Semiahmoo, Katzie, Kwikwetlem, Kwantlen, Qayqayt, Musqueam and Tsawwassen First Nations.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Trustee Smith moved and Trustee Sohal seconded –

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of January 25, 2024 minutes of Regular Meeting of the Surrey Public Library Board
- b) Financial Statement for the period ending January 31, 2024

Trustee Kaluarachchi moved and Trustee Gillies seconded –

CARRIED

4. NEW BUSINESS/DISCUSSION

- a) Chair and Vice-Chair Update:
 - Current Vice-Chair Balbir Gurm was declared board chair as interim-chair Marilyn Herrmann is resigning from the Board, effective March 31.
 - New Vice-Chair to be appointed at the next meeting.
- b) Committee Memberships are as follows:
 - Executive: Trustees Gurm (Chair), Smith, new vice-chair
 - Finance: Trustees Smith (Chair), Gillies, Pham
 - Governance: Trustees Cuenca (Chair), Kaluarachchi, Kular, Pascal, Werring
 - Planning & Advocacy: The work of this committee is paused.
 - InterLINK: Trustees Gillies with Trustee Kular as an alternative
 - BCLTA: Chief librarian to email information about BCLTA director vacancies
- c) 2024 Board Objectives for approval

Trustee Gillies moved and Trustee Smith seconded –

CARRIED

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

a) Reports

- i. 2023 Strategic Plan Key Measures
- ii. 2023 Provincial Libraries Grant Report
- iii. 2023 Key Statistics Report

b) Verbal Updates

- i. InterLINK: Trustee Gillies reported the first Interlink meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2024.
- ii. Chief Librarian
 1. City budget is still under discussion. Looking at a May date for approval by Council.
 2. Director of Public Services, Kristen Andrews retiring May 1. New Director of Public Services vacancy posted and filled by Julie Balenzano, who will start in role on May 2.

6. NEXT LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

April 11, 2024, 6pm, City Centre Branch

7. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Trustee Pascal moved and Trustee Sohal seconded –

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 pm.