



Minutes of the VPL Board Governance Committee Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Morris J. Wosk Boardroom at 350 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, B.C.

Present: Mary Lynn Baum
Carellin Brooks
Jennifer Chan — Chair
Kyla Epstein
Karen Hoffmann
John Schaub
Rhonda Sherwood

Recording Secretary: Sandra Singh — Chief Librarian

ADMINISTRATION:

1. Minutes

The Chief Librarian presented the draft minutes of the meeting held November 17, 2015 for approval by the Committee.

Moved by Kyla Epstein

THAT the draft minutes of meeting held November 17, 2015 be approved as received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

2. Board Procedure Policy Revisions

The Committee discussed recommended revisions to the Board Procedures Policy regarding removing of items from in-camera and the order of the agenda. The Committee also discussed how to handle conflicts of interest and some recommended wording was agreed upon by Committee members. The Committee discussed some potential changes to special meetings but determined further discussion was needed. It was agreed that the recommended edits would be held back until further discussion regarding special meetings could take place and that this would happen at a June Governance Committee

meeting. At that point, all recommended edits would be brought forward to the Board for consideration.

3. Board Recruitment

The Committee discussed Board recruitment and how to identify candidates for the Board for consideration by City Council. The Committee discussed various approaches with the intent to respect diversity of backgrounds and skills. It was agreed that this is a significant discussion and that the Board should take this on as a priority after the completion of the strategic plan, likely to start in early 2017 with a workshop on Board composition.

4. Board Self Evaluation

The Committee received a Board self-evaluation document from London Public Library that was more fulsome than the existing VPL Board self-evaluation survey. Committee members discussed the utility of such a document for VPL and agreed that something similar would be helpful for trustees. It was agreed that Committee members would provide the Chief Librarian with feedback for the June Governance Committee meeting.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Jennifer Chan, Chair

Sandra Singh, Secretary