



WHISTLER PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD  
OF TRUSTEES MEETING

**Wednesday, February 7, 2024**  
**Virtual Zoom Meeting 5 to 7 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**Attended:**

Mike Walsh (Chair)  
Ali Blancher  
Cara Burrow  
Gail Banning  
Jessie Morden  
Karen Laughland  
Mechthild Facundo  
Patricia Dagg  
Sarene Bourdages  
Sheilagh Martin  
Tina Young  
Mikale Fenton  
Kaley O'Brien (Staff)  
Nadine White (Staff)  
Jessica Delaney (Guest)  
Shahla Gulistani (Guest)

**Regrets:**

**050. Call to Order**

Traditional Territories Acknowledgement Statement –Sarene

*The Whistler Public Library is grateful to be on the shared, unceded territory of the Lil'wat People, known in their language as LiꞤwat7úll, and the Squamish people, known in their language as Skwxw7mesh. We respect and commit to a deep consideration of their history, culture, stewardship and voice.*

**100. Approval of Agenda**

*Motion that the agenda be approved:*

*Moved: Gail*

*Seconded: Jessie*

*Approved unanimously.*

**200. Consent Agenda**

- Minutes of the previous meeting: January 3, 2024
- Board Package
  - WPL December and January Dashboard
  - “Fork in the Road: Sleigh your holiday stress” *Pique Newsmagazine*

*Motion that the consent agenda be approved:*

*Moved: Patricia*

*Seconded: Mechthild*

*Approved unanimously.*

**300. Business Arising from Reports**

**400. New Business**

**For Discussion/Decision**

**Discussion/No Decision**

**600. Old Business**

**Committee, Representatives and LD Updates**

**1.1 Library Director Update – Mikale**

Mikale provided a summary update of the January and December programs featured in the Dashboard and commented on next steps related to Board business and strategic planning.

**1.2 Executive Committee update—Sarene**

In 2024, strategic planning takes precedence and demands dedicated time to carve out the essential space. Committees must streamline the 2024 goals to position ourselves for success. Once strategic planning concludes, we can assess whether there is additional capacity to incorporate more goals. Providing context on the Executive Committee's role, it involves managing board affairs between meetings and subsequently reporting back to the board in the subsequent meeting. At the last Executive Committee meeting on January 10, it was approved to have Mike taking on the InterLINK rep role.

### 1.3 Fundraising and Advocacy committee update—Karen

Karen provided an overview of the recent fundraising and advocacy meeting, highlighting a review of last year's fundraising accomplishments, addressing unfinished business, and outlining goals for 2024. The focus for the upcoming initiatives is geared toward advocacy rather than fundraising. Key action items include the revamping of the touchstones document by June, a concentrated effort to build stronger relationships with Friends and other philanthropic organizations, and an emphasis on enhancing the visibility of library trustees in front of the RMOW Council, with Cara slated to attend the next meeting. Other strategic initiatives involve implementing a coat check at the upcoming WB Foundation Winetastic event, complete with squares to facilitate donations from attendees without cash, exploring the possibility of hosting a coat check at Cornucopia, establishing a presence at the Whistler Writers Festival, hosting an influencer event during Love Your Library month, and providing support for Mikale to expand the library's tote bag product offerings.

#### **700.** Agenda items for next meetings

- Policy 800 review.
- Committee goals 2024
- 2023 Year-End Finance Report

#### **800.** Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting:

Moved: Gail

Seconded: Jessie

Approved unanimously.

#### Next Meetings:

Executive Meeting—Tuesday, February 27, 2024

Board – Wednesday, March 6, 2024