



Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2026 – 6:00 PM Regular Meeting
Three Creeks Community Library
800-C NE Tenney Road
Vancouver, WA 98685
Meeting Room
Hybrid/In-Person

Megan Dugan, *Chair*, City of Vancouver
Marie Coffey, *Vice Chair/Secretary*, Clark County At-Large
Kristy Morgan, Clark County At-Large
Vacant, Skamania County
Vacant, City of Vancouver
Olga Hodges, Klickitat County
Irina Kakorina, Clark County At-Large

Present Board: Marie Coffey, Megan Dugan, Olga Hodges (remote), Irina Kakorina, Kristy Morgan

Absent:

Present Staff: Jennifer Giltrop, Executive Director; Catrina Galicz, Finance Director; Andrea Scherer, Human Resources Director; Julian Mendez, Communications and Marketing Director; Alicia Gomori, Deputy Director; Lynne Caldwell, Collections and Technical Services Director (remote); Miranda Holtmann, Executive Assistant; Lucien Kress, IT Director; Jason Reetz, Facilities and Fleet Director; Elizabeth Moss, Branch Manager, Three Creeks Community Library

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AGENDA:

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Chair Dugan called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
2. **AGENDA APPROVAL** – At 6:01 p.m. Trustee Morgan made a motion to approve the agenda. Trustee Kakorina seconded. Motion approved with 5 out of 5 votes.
3. **CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Chair Dugan had no announcements.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – At 6:02 p.m. public comments began with the following speakers;
 - Quill Onstead of Portland made a public comment about drag queen story hour.
 - Dijana Katan of Vancouver made a public comment about the adoption of the strategic plan.
 - Sara Wu of Goldendale made a public comment about support for the original wording of the strategic plan.
 - Kaela Karkovich of Vancouver made a public comment about FVRL recent board decisions regarding equity.
 - Susan Diane Orthel of LaCenter made a public comment about FVRL mission statement.
 - Dianna Cochran of Clark County made a public comment about a positive thank you.
 - Jake Ausmus of Vancouver made a public comment about equity/intellection freedom.
 - Margot Logan of Portland made a public comment about a book donation.
 - Paula Sherrin of Yacolt made a public comment about a vote of no confidence.
 - Nancy Potter of Vancouver made a public comment about equality/equity.
 - Marla Koch of Vancouver made a public comment about the board voting against wishes of the community.
 - Maureen Knutson of Clark County made a public comment about no confidence in the vote to adopt strategic plan.
 - Greta Stuhsatz of Clark County made a public comment about no confidence in FVRL Board of Trustees.
 - Penny Love-Henslee of Washougal made a public comment about the accomplishments achieved and finding common ground to move forward.

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- Jamie Bair of Vancouver made a public comment about board behavior.
 - Julie Koepp of Vancouver made a public comment about equity.
 - Randy Schmidt of Clark County made a public comment about equity.
 - Dawn Seaver of Vancouver made a public comment about the strategic plan.
 - Gary Wilson of Clark County made a public comment about library services and parents' inclusion in intellectual freedom.
 - Colleen Saylor of Vancouver made a public comment about keeping the library wholesome.
 - Written comments were provided by Opal Gerwig of Clark County on the action of the board in January; Julie Wiesner of Vancouver on equity and inclusion; and William Daniells of Vancouver on drag queens.
- 5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**— At 6:40 p.m. Trustee Morgan made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Trustee Kakorina seconded. Motion approved with 5 out of 5 votes.
- 6. REPORTS**
- 6.1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS** – At 6:40 p.m. Catrina Galicz presented the financials for the month ending January 2026.
- Statement of Cash:** January started with \$18.5 million and ended with just over \$16.2 million, an expected draw down of cash given the timing of property tax revenues in April and October. The 60-day target in 2026 is just over \$8.5 million and the 90-day target is just over \$12.7 million. Both targets are being met.
- Statement of Revenue:** Revenues of \$282,000 for January is meeting expectations. Galicz highlighted the miscellaneous revenue line-item trending above budget due to an insurance refund related to an accident at Three Creeks in 2024.
- Statement of Expenses:** Overall, expenditures are trending at 2% below what is expected in January, due to the timing of expenses. The exception to that is in the professional collection and technology line item which is at 8.3% due to annual software renewals in January. Galicz also highlighted the intergovernmental services line item which included payment in January to Clark and Cowlitz County for elections costs of the Levy Lid Lift.
- RECEIVE AND FILE JANUARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** – At 6:44 p.m. Trustee Coffey made a motion to approve receiving and filing the January 2026 financial statements. Trustee Kakorina seconded. Motion approved with 5 out of 5 votes.
- 6.2. ORGANIZATIONAL REPORT** – At 6:44 p.m. Alicia Gomori and Jennifer Giltrop presented the Organizational Report which included the following highlights:
- **Cascade Park Community Library** is hosting the Society of Washington Artists' art show which allows artists at all levels of experience to participate and create.
 - **The Klickitat County Bookmobile** supported Bickleton School's Read-a-thon providing themed boxes of materials for participating students.
 - **La Center Community Library's** outreach efforts connected the library with 628 people through visits to schools, preschools and the local Teen Loft.
 - **Stevenson Community Library** is partnering with the Skamania Kids and Youth Teen Center to create a Read, Return, Repeat collection there.
 - **Vancouver Community Library** hosted a Community Resource Fair that connected more than 200 patrons with local social service organizations.

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- **White Salmon Community Library** reports that teen late night programming remains incredibly popular.
- **Programs and Outreach Division (POD)** was integral in the planning and coordination of the Lunar New Year celebration which took place in February.
Giltrop added that work continues on the design development of the Washougal Library. Updates to the board with timelines, projections and cost will come to the board after design development has concluded.

6.3. BRANCH REPORT: THREE CREEKS COMMUNITY LIBRARY – At 6:49 p.m. Branch Manager Elizabeth Moss provided a musical-inspired update on library activities around the Three Creeks Community Library. In 2025, the library welcomed over 158,000 visits (a 4.5% increase), hosted 475 programs with more than 15,000 attendees, and maintained consistent circulation. Summer reading participation remained solid, and community feedback emphasized the library’s welcoming environment, high-quality programming, and dedicated staff. The branch expanded outreach significantly during the year, attending 143 community events and connecting with over 6,400 people outside the library, with a focus on increasing access for underserved populations. Key impacts included providing books-by-mail and digital access support to homebound seniors, and hosting innovative programs like a homeschool science fair and adult crafts. Partnerships help bring expertise and services to the community. Stories of individual patrons—a child discovering a love of reading, a patron’s access to audiobooks to pass the time during chemo—demonstrated the library’s meaningful impact on the lives of its community and why Three Creeks Community Library is wonderful.

7. BUSINESS

7.1. FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Staff Report 2026-07: June 1, 2026 New Open Hours – At 7:02 p.m. Jennifer Giltrop presented the staff report outlining the new and expanded hours beginning June 1, 2026. The new hours are a fulfillment of the Levy Lid Lift commitment to expand open hours by 13%, adding 91 hours a week across the district. This includes 74 new branch hours and expanded bookmobile service, including the new Clark County Bookmobile operating at least 15 hours per week. The updated schedule standardizes hours across locations, adds high-demand evening and weekend availability, and ensures Sunday access in each county. To support these changes, the district will add 20.2 full-time equivalent staff including new librarian positions with a youth services emphasis. The changes aim to improve consistency, access, and operational efficiency. The district will continue monitoring usage data and patron feedback to assess the effectiveness of the expanded hours.

- 8. EXECUTIVE SESSION** – At 7:09 p.m. Chair Dugan announced that the Board would exit the room to meet in executive session to discuss collective bargaining as allowed by RCW 42.30.140 (4a) and to receive and evaluate a complaint brought against a public official as allowed by RCW 42.30.110 (1f). The Chair announced that the Board is expected to take action following executive session.

The Chair called the meeting back to order at 7:53 p.m.

- 9. Resolution 2026-03: CBA MOU Amendment** At 7:53 p.m. Trustee Coffey made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-03 Authorizing the Collective Bargaining Unit MOU with AFSCME. Trustee Kakorina seconded. Motion approved with 5 out of 5 votes.

- 10. BOARD COMMENT** - at 7:54 p.m. the Chair opened the floor for Board comments.

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- Trustee Dugan made a comment to commend Elizabeth Moss on her branch report.
 - Trustee Morgan seconded that comment.
 - Trustee Kakorina commented her thanks to the Three Creeks branch, which is her home branch.
 - Trustee Hodges commented on Moss' enthusiasm and expressed gratitude for more children's librarians coming to the Gorge.
- 11.** Setting for next regular meeting: Monday, April 20 at 6:00 p.m. at Washougal Community Center. It will be a hybrid (in-person/online) meeting.
- 12. ADJOURNMENT** – At 7:56 p.m. Trustee Coffey moved to adjourn the March 16 meeting. Trustee Kakorina seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.