



## VANCOUVER CIVIC THEATRES BOARD

### MINUTES

February 19, 2026

A meeting of the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board was held on Thursday, February 19, 2026, at 12:01 PM, in the Queen Elizabeth Theatre Boardroom, 649 Cambie Street, and via electronic means.

**PRESENT:** Frank Durnford, Chair  
Wendy Soobis\*, Vice-Chair  
Diane Brown  
Michael Heeney  
Dani Pretto  
Scott Robinson  
Mike Vulgaris

**ABSENT:** Mike Wallberg (Leave of Absence)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Lenny Zhou, Council Liaison  
Natalie Lue, Director, Vancouver Civic Theatres; Staff Liaison  
Aliyah Amarshi, Associate Director, Vancouver Civic Theatres

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Taimiya Khalid, Coordinator, Planning Committees  
Kevin Burris, Manager, Civic Agencies

\*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

### WELCOME

The Coordinator, Planning Committees acknowledged we are on the unceded homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Peoples. We thank them for having cared for this land and look forward to working with them in partnership as we continue to build this great city together.

### Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Scott Robinson  
SECONDED by Mike Vulgaris

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve a leave of absence for Mike Wallberg, for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED by Wendy Soobis  
SECONDED by Mike Vulgaris

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve the minutes from the meeting of Thursday, November 13, 2025, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Frank Durnford abstained from the vote)

### **1. Introductions**

New and returning members provided introductions.

### **2. Orientation & Meeting Procedures**

The Manager, Civic Agencies provided an orientation on the role of the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board, and meeting procedures governing civic agencies.

### **3. Election of a Chair and Vice-Chair**

MOVED by Dani Pretto  
SECONDED by Wendy Soobis

THAT Frank Durnford be appointed as Chair of the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board for a term beginning immediately and ending December 1, 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Scott Robinson  
SECONDED by Dani Pretto

THAT Wendy Soobis be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board for a term beginning immediately and ending December 6, 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **4. Council Liaison Update**

The Council Liaison provided an update and responded to questions and comments.

### **5. Arts, Culture & Community Services Update**

The Director, Vancouver Civic Theatres provided an update on behalf of General Manager, Arts, Culture and Community Services.

**6. Arts and Culture Advisory Committee Liaison Update**

The Arts and Culture Advisory Committee Liaison provided an overview of the Committee for the new members.

**7. Finance Report**

The Associate Director, Vancouver Civic Theatres presented the Finance Report and responded to questions and comments.

**8. Director's Report**

The Director, Vancouver Civic Theatres presented the Director's Report and responded to questions and comments.

**9. New Business**

The Board discussed next steps including workplan for this term, upcoming motions and recognition of previous Board members' contributions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Diane Brown  
SECONDED by Dani Pretto

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Next Meeting:**

DATE: Thursday, April 23, 2026  
TIME: 12:00 PM  
PLACE: Queen Elizabeth Theatre Boardroom, 649  
Cambie Street / Teams Online

The Committee adjourned at 1:42 PM.

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