



VANCOUVER CIVIC THEATRES BOARD

MINUTES

April 23, 2026

A meeting of the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board was held on Thursday, April 23, 2026, via electronic means.

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

ABSENT: Mike Vulgaris (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: Adeola Alle, Coordinator, Planning Committees

*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 Diane Brown
SECONDED by Wendy Soobis

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Diane Brown
SECONDED by Wendy Soobis

THAT the Vancouver Civic Theatres Board approve the minutes from the meeting of Thursday, February 19, 2026, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Chair Comments

The Chair provided comments.

2. Council Liaison Update

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

3. Arts, Culture & Community Services Update

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

4. Arts and Culture Advisory Committee Liaison Update

The Arts and Culture Advisory Committee Liaison provided an update and responded to comments and questions.

5. Finance Report

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

6. Director's Report

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

7. Staff Presentation

Staff from Vancouver Civic Theatres provided a presentation on upcoming events and responded to questions and comments.

8. New Business

The Board discussed looking into opportunities to encourage young people to attend events across the City.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Michael Heeney
SECONDED by Dani Pretto

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, June 11, 2026
TIME: 12:00 PM
PLACE: Queen Elizabeth Theatre Boardroom, 649
Cambie Street / Teams Online

The Committee adjourned at 1:43 PM.

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