



THE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 20, 2026

10:30 a.m. | 800 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219

Board Members Attending: Malfourd “Bo” Trumbo (Chair), Peter Broadbent Jr., C. Paul Brockwell Jr., Preston Bryant Jr., Chelle Davis, Suzette Denslow, Kim Dove, Betsy Fowler (Vice Chair), Shelley Murphy, Mary Prentice, and Blythe Scott

Board Members Absent: Carol Finerty and Samuel Hayes III

LVA Staff Attending: Dennis T. Clark, Librarian of Virginia; Meg Guthorn, Deputy State Librarian and Chief of Collections & Archives; Kim Armentrout, State Grants & Data Coordinator, Cindy Church, Continuing Education Consultant; Roger Christman, Governors’ Records Archivist; Greg Crawford, State Archivist and Director of Government Records; Sarah Falls, Chief of Researcher Engagement; Angela Flagg, Chief Communications Officer; Daniel Hinderliter, Chief Operating Officer; Tracy Molnar, Executive Assistant to the Librarian; Dale Neighbors, Interim Director of Special Collections; Diana Price, Chief of Library Development; and Abigail Gump, Assistant Attorney General and Board Counsel

LVA Foundation Board and Staff Attending: Scott Dodson, Executive Director and Elaine McFadden, Director of Development

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Trumbo, board chair, called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. He noted the presence of a quorum.

Betsy Fowler – present
Paul Brockwell – present
Peter Broadbent - present
Preston Bryant – absent
Chelle Davis – present
Suzette Denslow – absent

Kim Dove – present
Carol Finerty – absent
Sam Hayes – absent
Shelley Murphy – present
Mary Prentice – present
Blythe Scott – present

Approval of Agenda and Minutes: Mr. Trumbo asked for motions on the meeting agenda and past meeting minutes. Mr. Brockwell moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and approved. Mr. Bryant moved to approve the meeting minutes from January 12, 2026. The motion was seconded and approved.

2. **Report from Partner Organizations:** Conley Edwards, president of the Friends of the Virginia State Archives, provided a brief report on the activities of the Friends.
3. **Presentation by Sarah Falls, Chief of Researcher Engagement:** Ms. Falls provided an overview of the Library’s VA250 events and programs. She also shared some details on the upcoming exhibition: Envisioning Revolution, a partnership with Old Dominion University.
4. **Committee/Division Reports:**
 - a) **Archival, Collections, and Records Management Services Committee:** Greg Crawford provided updates on the work of the Government Records Services Division. He expressed his appreciation for the dedication of Senior State Records Archivist Roger Christman who leads the effort to transfer

governors' records from the administration to the Library. He also shared that Circuit Court Records Preservation Program (CCRP) has awarded more than \$2.2 million in grants for 2026.

- b) **Legislative and Finance Committee:** Mr. Prentice shared the Commonwealth's budget preparation process is delayed within the General Assembly. A special session will start on Thursday, 23 April. Mr. Hinderliter provided an overview of the Library's financial condition and recent expenditures. He also shared a brief update on the Library's three capital projects: State Records Center expansion, Schematic Design development for renovations of 800 E. Broad Street and the Print Inventory & Control Project.
 - c) **Public Library Development Committee:** Ms. Price, the new Chief of Library Development introduced herself and made way for Ms. Armentrout, the State Grants Coordinator, to lead the discussion on requirements and possible waivers for state aid.
 - d) **Researcher & Public Engagement Committee:** Ms. Davies reported the committee had a lively discussion on the Library's new internship program and the hiring of an internship coordinator. She invited Ms. Falls to report on recent service changes at the Library including a rise in reference questions generated by AI bots as well as from patrons who use AI tools to formulate or refine their inquiries. These types of questions doubled over the first three months of 2026.
 - e) **Library of Virginia Foundation:** Scott Dodson, Executive Director, reported strong fundraising and outreach efforts with lots of travel for his team. The Foundation continues to support Library programs, statewide engagement, and preservation initiatives.
5. **Report of the Librarian:** Mr. Clark introduced Meg Guthorn the new Deputy State Librarian and Chief of Collections & Archives, who joins the Library from the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). She brings extensive operational experience and a strong record of managing complex programs to oversee the Library's vast collections and archives. He also shared the Library will soon post an opening for a director position for the Michelle & David Baldacci Initiative on Civic Discourse. The position will lead strategy, programs and partnerships that foster civil, constructive and respectful dialogue across the Commonwealth.
6. **Report of the Chair/Executive Committee:** Chair Trumbo asked for a vote to include two non-board members on board committees as provided for in the bylaws. Ms. Denslow moved and it was seconded before a unanimous vote approved it.
- a) President of Friends of the Virginia Archives, position currently held by Conley Edwards
 - b) President Virginia Public Libraries Directors Association, position currently held by Rose Dawson
7. **Old or New Business:** Hearing no further business, Chair Trumbo asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Fowler motioned, and it was seconded. The meeting concluded with a unanimous motion to adjourn at 11:53 am.

Chair:

Malfourd W. Trumbo, Chair

Secretary:

Dennis T. Clark, Librarian of Virginia