



THE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 12, 2026

Electronic Meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Board Members Attending: Malfourd “Bo” Trumbo (Chair), Chris Braunlich, Peter Broadbent Jr., Preston Bryant Jr., C. Paul Brockwell Jr., Chelle Davis, Kim Dove, Betsy Fowler (Vice Chair), Samuel Hayes III, Shelley Murphy, Blythe Scott, and Bill Thomas

Board Members Absent: Suzette Denslow, Carol Finerty, and Mary Prentice

LVA Staff Attending: Dennis T. Clark, Librarian of Virginia; Daniel Hinderliter, Chief Operating Officer; Greg Crawford, State Archivist and Director of Government Records; Angela Flagg, Chief Communications Officer; Cindy Church, Interim Chief of Library Development; Sarah Falls, Chief of Researcher Engagement; Scott Weingart, Chief Technology Officer; Tracy Molnar, Executive Assistant to the Librarian; Dale Neighbors, Interim Director of Manuscripts & Special Collections; Abigail Gump, Assistant Attorney General and Board Counsel

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

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Trumbo, board chair, called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m. and conducted a roll-call.
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| Betsy Fowler – present | Kim Dove – present |
| Chris Braunlich – present | Sam Hayes – absent (late arrival) |
| Paul Brockwell – present | Shelley Murphy – present |
| Peter Broadbent - present | Blythe Scott – present |
| Preston Bryant – present | Bill Thomas – present |
| Chelle Davis – present | Bo Trumbo - present |

He welcomed the board’s newest member and noted the presence of a quorum.

2. **Approval of Agenda and Minutes:** Mr. Trumbo introduced the meeting agenda and minutes from the board’s September 15 meeting. Ms. Fowler moved to approve both the agenda and minutes. The motion was seconded and approved with the following roll-call vote:

Chris Braunlich – aye	Betsy Fowler – aye
Paul Brockwell – aye	Sam Hayes – no vote*
Peter Broadbent - aye	Shelley Murphy – aye
Preston Bryant – aye	Blythe Scott – aye
Chelle Davis – no vote*	Bill Thomas - aye
Kim Dove – aye	Bo Trumbo - aye

*Ms. Davis experienced audio difficulties. Mr. Hayes arrived after the vote.

3. **Report from Partner Organizations:** Mr. Broadbent provided a brief report on the activities of the Friends of the Virginia State Archives. He noted that 25th Annual Richard Slatten Lecture series was held on 8 November and former board member, Barbara Little, was the key speaker. Mr. Clark expressed his appreciation for the Friends’ book purchase program which supplements the Library’s acquisition budget and grows the Library’s collection.
4. **Presentation by Abigail Gump, Office of the Attorney General:** Prior to the presentation, Ms. Fowler moved that the Library Board convene in a closed meeting pursuant to the Code of Virginia § 2.2-3711(A)(8) for consultation with legal counsel. The motion was seconded and approved by roll-call vote:

Chris Braunlich – aye
Paul Brockwell – aye
Peter Broadbent - aye
Preston Bryant – aye
Chelle Davis – aye
Kim Dove – aye

Betsy Fowler – aye
Sam Hayes – aye
Shelley Murphy – aye
Blythe Scott – aye
Bill Thomas - aye
Bo Trumbo - aye

The board entered a brief closed session and upon conclusion of the discussions resumed the open session of the meeting. Ms. Fowler offered the following motion for the Board:

In accordance with the Code of Virginia § 2.2-3712(D), the Board certifies that:

To the best of each member's knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under this chapter and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the meeting by the public body. Any member of the public body who believes that there was a departure from the requirements of clauses (i) and (ii), shall so state prior to the vote, indicating the substance of the departure that, in his judgment, has taken place.

The motion was duly seconded. The Board certified its closed session unanimously by a roll-call vote:

Chris Braunlich – aye
Paul Brockwell – aye
Peter Broadbent - aye
Preston Bryant – aye
Chelle Davis – aye
Kim Dove – aye

Betsy Fowler – aye
Sam Hayes – aye
Shelley Murphy – aye
Blythe Scott – aye
Bill Thomas - aye
Bo Trumbo - aye

5. Mr. Trumbo moved to re-adopt the policies on **Electronic Participation in Library Board Meetings & All-Virtual Library Board Meetings**. The motion was seconded and approved by roll-call vote:

Chris Braunlich – aye
Paul Brockwell – aye
Peter Broadbent - aye
Preston Bryant – aye
Chelle Davis – aye
Kim Dove – aye

Betsy Fowler – aye
Sam Hayes – aye
Shelley Murphy – aye
Blythe Scott – aye
Bill Thomas - aye
Bo Trumbo - aye

6. **Committee/Division Reports:**

- a) **Archival, Collections, and Records Management Services Committee:** Greg Crawford provided updates on the work of the Government Records Services Division including the transfer of Governor Youngkin’s records to the Library. He highlighted staff member Teshawna Threat for receiving the 2025 Member of the Year award from the Virginia Association of Government Archives and Administrators (VAGARA). He noted consulting staff travelled over 6,500 miles in support of the CCRP program identifying over 900 items for preservation by the program. Dale Neighbors, Interim Director for Manuscripts & Special Collections, shared that registrar Alicia Starliper was closing the Art Experience at the Executive Mansion and is working with the new administration.
- b) **Legislative and Finance Committee:** Dan Hinderliter, Chief Operations Officer, reported LVA submitted three funding requests to the Governor’s Office: additional IT staffing following an external review that identified significant risk, compensation adjustments for library specialists and a \$2.2 million proposal to use AI to process government records. None were included in the Governor’s proposal. On a positive note, LVA received \$1.7 million in carry-forward funds for one-time projects

focused on security upgrades, staffing initiatives, and conservation work tied to VA250. Federal funding remains stable.

- c) **Public Library Development Committee:** Ms. Cindy Church, Interim Chief of the Public Library Development Branch, reported LVA hosted the annual Public Library Directors’ Meeting, with strong attendance of 70 out of 95 directors. The keynote focused on resilience in uncertain times. The new Friends of the Library Handbook has been well-received and is available to board members upon request.
- d) **Researcher & Public Engagement Committee:** Sarah Falls, Chief of Researcher Engagement, reported the launch of two new initiatives this month to enhance public services. The first initiative, LibAnswers, tracks and analyzes requests for assistance, helping LVA understand user needs and inform decisions around collections and outreach. The second initiative is virtual reference appointments led by archivist Courtney Thompson. These appointments will expand access to LVA collections for remote researchers. Additionally, the VA250 “Top 20 Foundational Documents” booklet has been very popular, with nearly all 7,500 copies distributed statewide.
- e) **Library of Virginia Foundation:** Pia Trigiani, Foundation Board President, reported strong progress on fundraising goals recognizing significant growth was driven by gifts and donor outreach. Scott Dodson, Executive Director shared additional details and invited everyone to attend the next Collections Up Close event on February 19.

7. **Report of the Librarian:** Given time constraints, Mr. Clark offered to email his report to the board.

8. **Report of the Chair/Executive Committee:** Mr. Trumbo proposed inviting two non-board members to participate in board committees. A vote will be called at the next board meeting.

- a) Conley Edwards, President of Friends of the Virginia Archives
- b) Clint Rudy, President Virginia Public Libraries Directors Association

9. **Old or New Business:** Chair Trumbo suggested rescheduling the April Board meeting to April 20 as Mr. Clark will be attending the Coalition for Networked Information (CNI) Spring Membership Meeting on April 13. Mr. Brockwell moved to reschedule the April board meeting. The motion was seconded and approved by roll-call vote:

Chris Braunlich – aye	Betsy Fowler – aye
Paul Brockwell – aye	Sam Hayes – aye
Peter Broadbent - aye	Shelley Murphy – aye
Preston Bryant – aye	Blythe Scott – aye
Chelle Davis – aye	Bill Thomas - aye
Kim Dove – aye	Bo Trumbo - aye

Chair Trumbo hearing no further business of the board, adjourned the meeting at 12:15 pm.

Chair:

Malfourd W. Trumbo, Chair

Secretary:

Dennis T. Clark, Librarian of Virginia