

FREDERICKSBURG FOOD CO-OP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at Fredericksburg Library and via Zoom

Board Members Present: Toni Stevens, Chair; Paul Simpson, Vice Chair, Valerie Hopson-Bell, Secretary; Amanda Thompson, Cat Carter, Christine McElhinney, Jeremy Larochelle, John Budd, Meredith Whittaker

Others Present: Margaret Kertess (recorder)

Guests: Sandy Gillenwater, Rea Manderino, Hannah Potter, Megan Melonovich

Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m.

CORE VALUES: Valerie recited the Co-op's core values.

Guest Comments: Sandy Gillenwater introduced herself and described her experience in the community and her interest in the Co-op. Rea Manderino, an owner and part-time employee, commented on the recent unexpected departure of the GM.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2026

- **Motion to approve May 19, 2026 minutes:** Approved 9-0.

New Board Member: Toni welcomed Meredith Whittaker, who was appointed to replace Marta Fuentes.

Policy and Governance Review – Toni

- Policy C5 – Directors' Code of Conduct
 - Toni reviewed compliance with the policy.

New Committee Charter – Food for All 5K Committee

- Toni presented the proposed Food for all 5K Committee charter.
- **Motion to adopt Food for All 5K Committee charter:** Approved 9-0.

Sustainability Advisory Committee – Cat

- The committee will be reviewing their charter and setting priorities at its July meeting.

Board Training – Christine

- The next board training session with Ben Sandel is scheduled for July 14 at 6 p.m.
- Christine described upcoming CBLD online trainings.
- The recording of the CCMA keynote speech by NCG's CEO will be shared with the board.

6:22 p.m. Guests Hannah Potter and Megan Melonovich arrived.

Other Business

- **Ends Statement Training Debrief**
 - Toni discussed the recent training and ongoing review of the Co-op's Ends statement.
- **CCMA Debrief – Paul, Cat, and Christine**
 - The three board directors who went to [CCMA](#) shared details and takeaways from the sessions they attended.

Closing Guest Comments: The four guests made brief closing remarks in accordance with the board's Guest Attendance Policy.

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session: Approved 9-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Margaret Kertess