

FREDERICKSBURG FOOD CO-OP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Minutes

July 21, 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, Meredith Whittaker

Board Members Absent: John Budd

Others Present: Margaret Kertess (recorder)

Guests: Hannah Potter

Meeting called to order at 6:13 p.m.

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

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2026

- **Motion to approve June 16, 2026 minutes:** Approved 8-0.

Financial Update – Toni

- As acting Treasurer, Toni reviewed the bank balances and noted that signers on the accounts are updated.
- Toni will add the IGM as a check signer.
- Cash on hand is where the committee wants it.

Policy and Governance Review – Toni

- Policy C6 – Officers' Roles and Appendices 13 & 13A
 - Toni reviewed compliance and noted that there are upcoming revisions to remove some outdated content.

Sustainability Advisory Committee – Cat

- The committee reviewed their charter and priorities at its July meeting.
- The charter does not need any changes.
- Top priorities are:
 - Quarterly educational events
 - Increase communications
 - Use survey for community feedback and publish annual report
 - Encourage return and re-use of t-shirt bags
- Topics for further research:
 - Bags in produce and bulk
 - Sustainable products
 - Actions by neighboring co-ops
 - Café packaging
 - Green energy
- Upcoming events:
 - August 15 – DIY eco-cleaning products
 - November 7 – Sustainable holidays

Annual Meeting Committee – Toni

- Toni reviewed the plans for the Annual Meeting on September 20.
- The committee is working with staff to finalize details, including raffle baskets, vendors, and a dessert bar.
- There will be a 10% discount in the store for owners.

Board Training – Christine

- Christine reviewed CBLD web resources and upcoming online trainings.

Other Business

- IGM Status
 - Interim General Manager John Walker will start work on July 28.
- GM Search
 - Toni gave an update on resumes received.
 - The board discussed options for additional outreach for recruiting.
 - The Search Committee will meet and follow-up on additional recruiting.
- Loan Interest Payments
 - Toni noted that the annual interest on owner loans is due to be paid and outlined support she'll be seeking to have the process completed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Margaret Kertess