



**MINUTES • EXTRAORDINARY BOARD MEETING • November 26, 2024, 6:55pm**

This Extraordinary Meeting by Electronic Means (Zoom) was called solely for a motion regarding the commencement of school operations at the GVRA Heritage Building (formerly Gwynne School).

Board Members Present at Call to Order:

Ben Christenson  
CHAIR

Dallas Lofgren  
VICE-CHAIR

Faye Ambler  
SECRETARY

Jody Kohut  
TREASURER

Tara Persson  
DIRECTOR

Board Members Not Present:

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DIRECTOR

Administration Present at Call to Order:

Karen Penney  
SUPERINTENDENT

Melanie Bjoern  
SECRETARY-TREASURER

Members and Non-Members Present at Call to Order:

N/A

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Christenson called the meeting to order at 6:55pm.

**2. Motion under the advice of legal counsel, to immediately inform the Alberta Government of the GVREA's intent to open the Heritage Building for GVRA school operations on November 28, 2024, and to commence school operations on that date.**

*Motion 2024-11-26-01      Moved to discuss and vote on the motion as presented.*

*Motioned: Chair Christenson  
Seconded: Vice-Chair Lofgren*

**Preamble:**

A Ministerial letter arrived today indicating that GVREA has fulfilled Conditions (1 and 2) related to the Gwynne Valley building, and that the board is responsible for the safety of all who enter. Superintendent Penney noted that AB ED Zone Services confirmed this information today as well.

Legal counsel has advised that the "letter is sufficient information to justify entering the school, albeit somewhat "cautiously" and on notice to the Minister." Furthermore, legal counsel provided a sample response to the minister that should ensure we are legally covered. Our Insurance Policy should also be reviewed to ensure there is sufficient coverage for the building.



**Chair's Assessment:** We must move to the Heritage Building immediately, or student enrollment will continue to fall. We have passed inspections, carry proper liability insurance, and we are additionally covered by an agreement with our Coordinated Registered Professional (PGA Architects).

**Technical Input**

Superintendent: Satisfied the letter puts the onus on us.

Secretary-Treasurer: No further input, the numbers will come.

**Arguments**

*Arguments for and against were heard and the motion was taken to a vote.*

***Motion Carried Unanimously***

**3. Adjournment**

Chair

7:07pm

*Motion 2024-11-26-03*

*Moved: Chair Christenson*

*Seconded: Director Ambler*

*Motion Carried*

*Next Board Meeting: AGM Thursday, November 28, 2024 @ 7:00pm.*

Approved by

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Ben Christenson, Chair  
GVREA

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Dallas Lofgren, Vice-Chair  
GVREA