Fulcrum Publishing Society
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
Monday June 1st, 2026
Zoom 6:00pm-8:00 PM

Present: David Okengwu, Mathilda Zagabe, Anne Keith, Kavi Achar, Liam Corbett, Devin Beauregard, Jason Seguya (Executive Director), Alexandrea Abungin & Bhoomi Dahiya (Editors in Chief)

Absent: Andrew Wilimek, Peace Obierika, Agape Williams

I. Opening Matters

Meeting officially began at 6:05pm.

1. Appointment of Chair

Motion: D. Beauregard moved to appoint A. Keith as acting Chair, seconded by K. Achar. **Motion passed.**

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: D. Beauregard moved to approve the agenda, seconded by K. Achar. **Motion passed.**

3. Approval of May 3rd, 2026 Minutes

Motion: K. Achar moved to approve the minutes for the May 2026 board meeting, seconded by M. Zagabe. **Motion passed.**

4. Board Composition

The board officially welcomes K. Achar and L. Corbett to the board of directors

II. Officers' reports

Editors-in-Chief (EIC) - presented by A. Abungin & B. Dahiya

- All outstanding reimbursements and payments to contributors have been made.
- The Fulcrum website has seen some updates, including revisions to the contributor and freelance guidelines.
- Canada Summer jobs: the EICs received 24 applications, and the position has now been filled by Zoe Peddle Stevenson.
    - **Motion:** D. Beauregard moves to ratify the hiring of Zoe Peddle Stevenson, seconded by K. Achar. **Motion passed.**
- As of May 2nd, the 2026-27 editorial positions are now open; the positions have been posted on the Fulcrum website and Instagram page. The deadline for applications is June 30th.
- All outstanding articles have been posted on the website.
    - Recent articles include CANSEC Coverage
- EICs have been in contact with UOSU and la Rotonde regarding the 101 Week publication. Everything is on track to reach the printers for July 19th and meet UOSU's August 6th deadline.

- Estimated cost is roughly $.3.8k for 3k copies. Including shipping, it should be under $5k.

Executive Director (ED) Report – presented by J. Seguya

- The directors' and officers' insurance policy was renewed.
- The audit process is under way. The ED will be meeting with the auditor at the end of June.
    - There are a number of forms that will need to be completed, including an internal control questionnaire and knowledge of business form.

President's Report & **Treasurer Report** – presented by D. Beauregard

- Updated the onboarding materials for new board members to be circulated.
- Efforts continue to get the signing authorities on TD bank accounts updated. We have been able to update access to the accounts.
- Onboarding: as we approach the end of the board cycle, it is an opportune time to start planning board and membership recruitment.
- Bank accounts: the TD account currently has more than $500k – which is considerable for a not-for-profit. With the potential impacts of Bill 33, a nest egg of this size would insulate the Fulcrum from immediate effects; however, if there are ideas of what could be done with the funds to improve the Fulcrum, bring them forward.
- Summer social: will be circulating a poll to gauge interest/availability for a social meet-up between the board and staff.

III. Committee Updates

Governance committee

- No updates.

IV. Closing Business

- **Constitutional Amendment:** Currently, the contributor model is such that once a contributor has contributed three contributions to the Fulcrum that are published, they become freelancers and are eligible to be paid for each additional contribution that is published. However, each year, this resets – meaning contributors who have already gained freelance status in previous years must submit three again. The EICs propose amending the constitution to reduce the number of submissions required in subsequent years from three to one for those who had obtained freelance status in previous years. This amendment has been approved by editorial and now needs approval from the board.
    - **Motion:** A. Keith moves that section 4.013 of the constitution be amended to reduce the number of submissions required by contributors to obtain freelance status, from three to one, for contributors who have obtained freelance status in a previous publishing year, seconded by K. Achar. **Motion passed.**
- **Committee Membership:**
    - **Motion:** D. Beauregard moves that the finance committee be constituted with D. Beauregard, L. Corbett, and K. Achar as members, seconded by L. Corbett. **Motion passed.**
        - **Action:** Appointment of a treasurer.

    - **Motion:** D. Beauregard moves that the marketing committee be constituted with D. Beauregard, L. Corbett, and D. Okengwu as members, seconded by L. Corbett. **Motion passed.**
- Motion Tracker: Bylaws have been updated following the AGM, but need to be added to the website.
- Workplan is progressing; all items are complete or in-progress.

V. In-Camera

- N/A

VI. Adjournment

- **Motion:** K. Achar moves to adjourn the meeting, seconded by M. Zagabe. **Motion passed.**
    - Meeting adjourned at 7:23pm.