Fulcrum Publishing Society
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
Sunday March 1st, 2026
Zoom 1:00pm-3:00 PM

Present: Andrew Wilimek, Agape Williams, Mathilda Zagabe, Devin Beauregard, Jason Seguya (Executive Director),

Absent: Keelan Buck (justified), Peace Obierika, David Okengwu, Kavi Vidya Achar (Editor in Chief)

I. Opening Matters

Meeting officially began at 1:05pm.

1. Appointment of Acting Chair

Motion: D. Beauregard moved to appoint A. Williams as acting Chair. **Motion passed.**

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: A. Wilimek moved to approve the agenda, seconded by M. Zagabe. **Motion passed.**

3. Approval of January 2026 Minutes

Motion: A. Wilimek moved to approve the minutes for the January 2026 board meeting, seconded by D. Beauregard. **Motion passed.**

4. Board Membership

Item moved to next board meeting.

II. Officers' reports

Editors-in-Chief (EIC) - presented by J. Seguya (in absence of EIC)

- Next Thursday (March 5th) will be the Editor and Chief Elections for the upcoming editorial cycle.

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

- For NASH, there was an overspend of $344.65. These expenses were primarily logistical (re: unexpected travel costs).
    - **Action:** ED to deliver a more finalized spending report for NASH.
- Bill 33 update: ED has been in discussions with la Rotonde to strategize on potential collaborative approaches to address the bill.
- The Fulcrum was hit with a copyright infringement claim.

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

- Outstanding forms and requirements from the auditor have been resolved (re: T183 has been signed, which ensures the corporate tax return can be filed).
- Budget 2026-27: A draft has been put together; next step to work with ED and new EIC(s) on

numbers.
- Orientation meetings for new board members to be scheduled.

III. <u>Committee Updates</u>

Governance committee
- The governance committee met in February to discuss plans/strategies around Bill 33.
  - Pillars of focus:
    - Internal (budgeting, etc.)
    - External (UOSU, UOttawa administration, etc.)
    - Awareness (potential collaboration with La Rotonde)
- Terms of Reference have been updated to incorporate provisions to allow the committee to serve certain finance committee responsibilities if/as needed; will be voted on at next committee meeting.
- Next meeting in two weeks.

IV. <u>Closing Business</u>
- Board composition (re: officer positions): No updates.
- Change to signing authorities for TD Bank – Remains ongoing
- Motion Tracker: Need to update the bylaws following change approved at AGM.
- Workplan is progressing; all items are complete or in-progress.
- **Motion:** D. Beauregard moves that the meeting move in-camera, seconded by A Wilimek. **Motion passed.**

(Moved into camera 1:40pm)

<u>In-Camera – HR Recruitment</u>

<u>N/A</u>

V. <u>Adjournment</u>
- **Motion:** A. Wilimek moves to adjourn the meeting, seconded by D. Beauregard. **Motion passed.**
  - Meeting adjourned at 1:46pm.