

**Vernon Free Library Board of Trustees
Special Meeting Minutes
May 28, 2026**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cassie Sailsman, Chair
Julie Nevins, Vice-Chair
Kristin Bratton, Clerk
Nikki Deyo, Secretary
Erin Harris

STAFF:

Jean Carr, Library Director

GUESTS:

SPECIAL MEETING

Cassie Sailsman called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM.
Nikki Deyo joined the meeting at 5:56 PM.

CHAIR'S REMARKS:

No remarks.

OPEN MEETING—PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No comments from the public.

BUSINESS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Julie Nevins moved to enter into Executive Session with the Library Director to discuss the appointment or employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee, per 1 V.S.A. 313 (3)(a)(3). Kristin Bratton seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

The Trustees entered into Executive Session at 5:39 PM.

The Trustees left Executive Session at 5:48 PM. No decisions were made during executive session.

Hiring new library director

- **Julie Nevins moved to appoint Gail Zachariah as the Interim Director of the Vernon Free Library, effective June 1, 2026. The rate of pay will be \$27 per hour for 36 hours per week, to be re-evaluated after the 90-day probationary period. Gail Zachariah will be the Interim Director until the end of the current Library Director's employment, by July 31, 2026 at the latest. At that time, Gail Zachariah will become the Library Director.** Erin Harris seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION:

The next regular meeting of the Vernon Free Library Board of Trustees will be held Wednesday, June 11, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. This will be a hybrid meeting.

A motion was made by Kristin Bratton to adjourn the meeting at 5:51 PM. Seconded by Erin Harris. Carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Nevins, Vice-Chair