FBFC MINUTES - April 2026 Board Meeting

This was a hybrid meeting, held in person at the Co-op and via Zoom, 4/16/2026

Meeting started at 5:30 PM

Board members present: Terra Marshall (President), John Walker (Treasurer), Laura Ann Edmonds (Secretary), Jerome Smith, Clare Schwartz.

Board members not present: Tricia Baehr.

Others present: Amy Zimmerman (Board Assistant), Bobby Sullivan (General Manager), Rusty Silvas (co-op owner).

Meeting Summary:

- Check-ins
- Owner Comment Period, Rusty Silvas
- April Meeting Agenda, approved
- February 2026 Minutes, approved
- GM Monitoring Reports
    - B. Global Executive Constraint, approved
    - B2. Planning & Budgeting, approved
- Summer Retreat Planning
- Officer Elections, a new Executive Committee was formed
- 2026 Retreat Review
- Executive Committee Session, GM Report

Opening Remarks and Informal Check-Ins

Board members and attendees participated in informal check-ins prior to the start of formal business. No formal actions were taken during informal check-ins.

Owner Comment Period

The owner comment period was opened.

Rusty expressed concern that the current petition requirements may discourage member participation, noting that the percentage of member signatures required has become significantly more burdensome as the cooperative's membership has grown. He also raised concerns about the amount of time required to gather signatures under the current membership size and about the board approval requirements for petitioned questions. Board members acknowledged his comments and discussed preparing a written response for Rusty to retrieve at a future meeting.

Approve April 2026 Agenda

Vote: April Agenda. Lulu motioned to approve, Terra seconded. Motion approved.

Approve February 2026 Minutes

Vote: February Minutes. John motioned to approve, Lulu seconded. Motion approved.

GM Reports, Presented by Bobby Sullivan (General Manager)

Bobby Sullivan presented the GM Monitoring reports in accordance with the monitoring schedule. The reports were received and placed on file (*it is helpful for questions regarding reports to be submitted at least one week in advance to allow time for review in QuickBooks)*.

The board discussed the need to update and reconcile multiple versions of the GM monitoring calendar in circulation. Amy and John will update the board calendar before the May board meeting with the help of Rose Marie at Columinate.

Board members agreed that the B5 Treatment of Customers report will be received by Bobby in May, postponed due to the board retreat in March.

- B. Global Executive Constraint

Vote for B. Global Executive Constraint: Lulu motioned to approve, John seconded. Motion approved.

- B2. Planning & Budgeting

Vote for B2. Planning & Budgeting: Lulu motioned to approve, Jerome seconded. Motion approved.

Dinner Recess

Summer Retreat Planning

The board discussed a separate retreat focused solely on expansion planning and financing strategy, a desire to avoid rushed future decisions regarding property or financing, and the need for additional long-range planning discussions.

Date: August 16.

Officer Elections

A new Executive Committee was established, consisting of the offices of President, Vice President, and Secretary.

John Walker was elected Board President.

- Vote: John Walker for Board President. Lulu motioned to approve, Tara seconded. Motion approved.

Laura Ann Edmonds was elected Secretary.

- Vote: Laura Ann Edmonds for Secretary. Tara motioned to approve, Jerome seconded. Motion approved.

Tara Marshall was elected Board Vice President.

- Vote: Tara Marshall for Board Vice President. John motioned to approve, Lulu seconded. Motion approved.

2026 Retreat Review

The board discussed the retreat noting that it gave them inspiration to continue their board work. Kudos were mentioned about Rose Marie's facilitation.

The Board moved into a closed Executive Committee meeting

The Board entered into a closed Executive Session at 7:45 PM to discuss the General Manager’s contract.

Items Moved to the Next Board Meeting

The April GM report was moved to May: B5 - Treatment of Customers, due to the board retreat in March.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.