



VANCOUVER DPAC • GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

September 25, 2025 • 7-9:00 pm

Online via Zoom

Executives -

Chair	Melanie Cheng	At Large:	Ishi Dinim
Vice-Chair	David Schaub		Elizabeth Klaiber-Noble
Treasurer			Angela Waterlow
Secretary	Sherry Breshears		Celena Benndorf Deborah Stern Silver

Guests/Delegations: Vancouver Elementary and Adult Educator's Society, presented by Marjorie Dumont C'tan, president, and Francoise Raunet, Vice President

Attendance:

AGENDA

1. Preliminary Matters

- Introductions: Welcome and Land Acknowledgement
- Setting a Minute Taker
Name of minute taker: Sherry
- Minutes - Prior Meetings
 - 1.○.1. May 22, 2025, General meeting minutes for approval ([link](#))
Motion to approve the minutes
Moved: Elizabeth
2nd: Celena
Vote: Passed unanimously.
- Chair address (20 minutes)
- Melanie shared slides with info. ([link](#))

- DPAC Summary of Liabilities and Expenses ([link](#))
John Oliver Advocacy ([link](#))
 - Melanie shared financials on slides (see link above)

Presentations

- **Foundation Skills Assessment and Indigenous Education Issues**
- (15 minute presentation, 15 minute Q & A)
Vancouver Elementary and Adult Educator's Society, presented by Marjorie Dumont C'tan, president, and Francoise Raunet, Vice President [[link](#) to presentation]
 - The speakers talked about the shortcomings of the FSA, the inequitable effects on Indigenous kids, and advised parents of their right to withdraw their children from taking the test.
 - FSA opt out:
<https://www.bctf.ca/topics/services-information/research-and-education-issues/fsa>
 - Discussion followed about the benefits and challenges of the FSA.
- **Facilities Update**
 - 1.○.1. Melanie presented on behalf of the Facilities and Child Care working group - See Melanie's slide deck linked above.
 - Announcement: School Field Land Use Forum - Grandview Woodland Area Council
GWAC Public Forum
 - Talk "More Greenspace" with your Elected Officials
Saturday, September 27th at 5PM
In the CFEC Room at Britannia Centre
(1655 William Street, Second Floor)
 - 1.○.2. Presentation - Melanie Cheng (15 minutes, Q & A 15 minutes)
 - Discussion followed.

The meeting ended at 9:00 pm.