



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes: June 13, 2026

Call to Order:

Meeting convened at: 8:02 PST/ 11:02 EST

Attendance

In Attendance	Absent
Chloe Alexander Kati Bell Sharece Bunn Cortney Copeland (as Proxy for Sandra Jacobs) Madison Jansen Taylor Reynolds Graham Salinger Rebecca Wegscheid Julianne Dunn	Adrianne Johnson Cassie Brooks Cairns Myroslava Fisun Natasha Wanchek Sandra Jacobs

Cortney Copeland will be serving as a proxy for Sandy Jacobs during the June 2026 board meeting as Sandy is attending her daughter's high school graduation as is allowed per the bylaws. Notice of the proxy was given in writing:

Friday, June 12, 2026, 8:45 p.m. via email to info@allianceforukraine.org

Good evening,

Cortney Copeland will be representing me at tomorrow's board meeting while I'm at my daughter's high school graduation. Per the AUA bylaws, I would like to assign her proxy voting for any items that are raised at tomorrow's meeting. She is also well versed on any open questions regarding Babusya's Kitchen and can represent the BK team in any discussions.

With thanks,

Sandy Jacobs

E-Vote Records

No e-votes have been initiated or recorded since the last board meeting.

Approve Prior Minutes

May 2026 Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve: Sharece
- Second: Kati
- Yay: 9
- Nay: 0
- Abstain: 0
- Absent: 4 (Adrienne Johnson, Cassie Brooks Cairns, Myroslava Fisun, Natasha Wanchek)

Announcements

- Sharece reminded us about the contracts we signed as board members. We were reminded that we agreed to serve a two-year term, participate in 75% of the board meetings, and attend member engagement events (at least once a year).
- Board members are required to join at least one committee.
- Executive Committee/Officer Meetings are required for board members that are serving in an officer position.

Kudos

- Becky: gave kudos to everyone who submitted to the Newsletter! (Her first solo one went out this month!)
- Kati, Adrienne and the fundraising committee!
- Kati: thanks to Chloe for doing a great job maintaining accounts!
- Sharece: thanks to Sandy/Cortney for BK support and fundraising efforts!

Committee Business

Pre-Submitted Committee Updates

June 2026 Committee Updates

- **Committee Leads:** Updates are due the Friday before the meeting. This document is for those updates that board members should know but that do not have to be shared aloud in the meeting.
- The Executive committee can now add updates to the Committee Updates.

Advocacy

- Becky gave an update on Advocacy.
- 90 day op-ed challenge is live!
- **Ukraine Action Summit** Registration opens next week!
- **Eng-In** is providing Ukrainian lessons for \$25 a piece.

Communications

- Becky gave an update on Comms.
- Reminder: **Newsletter** additions are due on the **15th** of each month
- Draft note: When Becky sends out the draft, check the content that you submitted, please.
- This month: Draft will be out **June 29**, Final newsletter goes out **July 1, 2026**.
- Any social media requests should be submitted to Becky,
- A Comms committee is forming due to new interest from volunteers!
- Cortney offered to provide social media metrics for BK socials to Becky.

Equity & Social Justice

- Madison gave an update.
- The **DEI survey** will open on **July 1, 2026**. Closes on **August 1, 2026**.
- A social media post may follow to share survey results.

Finance & Fundraising

- Chloe gave a Finance update.
- Revenue was \$4,138.00 in May 2026 (16 cookbooks were sold and donations were collected.)
- Expenses were \$530.17
- Kati gave a fundraising update.
- **Calendar Committee** meeting will be held on **June 22, 2026 at 8:30 pm EST**.
- A new member (Chloe) has been added to the fundraising committee!
- **Group-Sponsored Peremoha Grant** requests will go out this month.

- A second grant round for 2026 cannot be planned at this time. When funds increase, we will plan the next round of Peremoha Grants.
- Summer merch will launch in July!
- **35k for 35 Campaign** kicks off on **August 24th!**

Impact/Grants

- Natasha was absent, so Sharece covered the slide provided.
- We will need to make a decision on the **Round 10 budget/timeline**. (Kati commented the same as above, the funds are not yet available to do a full 15k grant round in August/Sept.)
- Kati proposed to have a discussion on Round 10 funding on the agenda at the July board meeting.
- Finances will be reviewed before we continue with the Round 10 grants.
- Natasha might share an update on impact/scope of grants in our next board meeting.

Babusya's Kitchen

- Cortney gave an update.
- Taylor will table the Peace Corps Connect conference in July 2026.
- Cortney has sent the card reader for the event via post.
- The BK team has signs, print outs, and table items for the event! (Taylor will follow up with Cortney or Sandy for these items)
- Cortney asked finance if we need metrics for BK sales.
- Kati would like these metrics and provide inventory details to Chloe.
- Cortney confirmed that an inventory tracker exists!
- Cortney suggested we find volunteer clusters to sell cookbooks in metro areas where we might have a table.
- Chloe added that she has been tracking inventory sold online vs. wholesale.
- Cortney asked for the procedure about vendor fees for fall festivals. She plans to schedule several events and add them to one proposal for the board.
- Cortney reminded Taylor to get familiar with the Collect for Stripe app on her mobile device before the conference in July.

General Discussion Items

Topic #1: Merchandise Campaign Discussion & Direction

- Bucket hats and tank tops were discussed. These would be sold in our Summer Flash Campaign in July 2026.

- A member design contest will be available with a 35k for 35 theme to tie in to the August campaign. The contest could take place in October 2026.
- We will revisit official logos from Jeremy to use on the new merch.

Topic #2: **Mid-Year Transition Votes**

Vote #1: Director of Strategic Planning Role and Secretary Transition

Proposed: Director of Strategic Planning and Secretary. Taylor will transition to the role of Director of Strategic planning. Sharece will take over Secretary duties through the end of her term.

The vote could not take place since we did not meet quorum.

Vote #2 : Creation of a Director of Development Role.

Kati will take on the Director of Development role.

Cortney suggested that we add provision to create new position and only naming equivalent Pres, Treasurer, and Secretary (which are required by law), and adding stipulation to change/add positions as needed

A vote was taken for the creation of the role, not for Kati to take the role since we did not meet quorum.

- Motion to approve: Sharece
- Second: Taylor
- Yay: 9
- Nay: 0
- Abstain: 0
- Absent: 4 (Adrienne Johnson, Cassie Brooks Cairns, Myroslava Fisun, Natasha Wanchek)

Vote #3: Director of Finance Vote

Chloe would take on the Director of Finance role.

Voting of Kati, Taylor, Chloe (Sharece) will happen by E-vote since there were not enough board members present to meet quorum. The e-vote is due for all board members by **Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. Pacific.**

Topic #3: Bylaws Discussion

- Proposed: Add Director of Development role to internal docs instead of Bylaws to avoid compliance issues
- Director of Communications: Update the internal docs, role description, discussed question of updating Bylaws or just internal docs.
- Increasing the number of Board Members in Bylaws was discussed.
- Max is currently 15 board members, proposed is 18 (Most board members suggested limiting numbers to avoid admin issues. Also encouraging future board members to volunteer on committees before joining the board was mentioned)
- Becky agreed that the Director of Communications update would be helpful/needed.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at: 9:31 am PST/ 12:31pm EST

Next Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on: **July 14, 2026 at 4pm PST/ 7pm EST**

Approval of Minutes

Please add your initials and the date when you have read the minutes:

Board Member	Initials	Date Read
Chloe Alexander	CBA	15 June 2026
Kati Bell	KB	16 June 2026
Sharece Bunn	SMB	16 June 2026
Cassie Brooks Cairns	N/A	14 July 2026
Julianne Dunn	JBD	Jun 15, 2026
Myroslava Fisun	N/A	14 July 2026
Sandy Jacobs	smj	June 15, 2026
Madison Jansen	MJ	June 15, 2026
Adrienne Johnson	aj	June 20 2026
Taylor Reynolds	TTR	Jun 15, 2026
Graham Salinger	N/A	16 July 2026
Natasha Wanchek	NW	June 18, 2026
Rebecca Wegscheid	RLW	6/16/2026

Addendum