
COMMUNICATIONS GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

TORONTO PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING – May 21, 2019

It is recommended that the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. considers excusing Harry Orbach-Miller's absence from five consecutive Toronto Public Library Board meetings.

Background Information:

On April 24, 2019, Nancy Marshall, Library Board Officer, received a verbal communication from Harry Orbach-Miller, Library Board member, advising of an unexpected work opportunity that has resulted in his absence from Toronto Public Library Board meetings through to the end of October 2019. Mr. Orbach-Miller indicated his preference to take a leave of absence from the Board rather than resigning. In consultation with the City Clerk's office, it was recommended to the City Librarian that the Toronto Public Library Board consider excusing Mr. Orbach-Miller's absence for five consecutive meetings. There is the possibility that Mr. Orbach-Miller will not be available to return to the Board after October; if that were the case, he would resign from the Board.

The recommendation is in accordance with the Toronto Public Library Board Procedural By-law – Section No. 13 – Notification of Absence:

- a. Members will notify the Secretary if they:
 - i. will not be attending;
 - ii. will be arriving late for; or
 - ii. will be leaving early from any meeting of the Board or a Committee.
- b. The Secretary will advise the Board of any Member who has been or will be absent from meetings of the Board for three consecutive months and advise the Board of the explanation provided by the Member, if any. The Board will then decide whether to authorize the Member's absence by a Board resolution.
- c. In accordance with section 13 of the Act, the Board will notify City Council of a vacancy if any Member is absent from Board meetings for three consecutive months without authorization of the Board.

2. receives Communication (b) from Strahan McCarten, Vice Chair, Toronto Public Library Board to Sue Graham-Nutter, Chair, Toronto Public Library Board dated May 9, 2019, advising of his resignation from the Toronto Public Library Board following the June 17, 2019 Board meeting, for information.



Thursday May 9, 2019

Sue Graham-Nutter
Chair, Toronto Public Library Board
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Dear Sue,

It is with much regret that I submit this letter as my formal resignation from the Board of the Toronto Public Library. I am resigning as both my work and home lives have become increasingly busy, and I am unable to continue as a Board member as a result. My final board meeting will be the last before the summer break, on Monday June 17th, 2019.

I have truly enjoyed my time as a Board member. I would like to sincerely thank TPL Management and Staff, the TPL Foundation team, my fellow Board members and all #LibraryPeople for teaching me about the Library. It is one of Toronto's signature institutions, and I am confident that I am leaving it in the extraordinarily capable hands of good people who care deeply about it.

All the best,

Strahan McCarten