



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Selection of Committee Members, Board Representatives and Association Members – 2026

Date: January 26, 2026

To: Toronto Public Library Board

From: City Librarian

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to request the Toronto Public Library Board appoint members to committees and external groups.

The 2026 membership document is included as Attachment 1, which outlines the required composition of committees.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Librarian recommends that the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. appoints a Board member to the City Librarian's Performance Review Committee;
2. appoints a Board member to the role of Board Liaison to Youth;

3. appoints two Board members to the Naming Committee;
4. appoints a Board member to the Toronto Public Library Foundation Board; and
5. appoints a Board member representative to the Board of the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact arising from the information in this report.

The Director, Finance & Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this financial impact statement and agrees with it.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The Board's Procedural By-law provides for a review of Board committees at the first meeting of a new Board and annually at the beginning of each calendar year. The Board may establish additional committees as required.

COMMENTS

Appointment Process for Committees

City Librarian's Performance Review Committee

The mandate of the City Librarian's Performance Review Committee is to assess the City Librarian's performance for the year under review as well as the objectives set by the City Librarian for the following year. The committee then submits a recommendation to the Board for approval.

The Board Chair and Vice Chair are automatically appointed to the City Librarian's Performance Review Committee. The committee includes one additional member; in 2025, this was Amina Mohamed. Other Board members wishing to provide input may do so in writing ahead of the committee meeting.

The City Librarian's Performance Review Committee generally requires participation in one meeting scheduled during the day in late March/early April 2026.

The annual performance review of the City Librarian takes place at the April Board meeting.

Board Liaison to Youth

A Board member is appointed to the role of the Board Liaison to Youth. The Board Liaison ensures that youth perspectives are represented at the Board level and provides an opportunity for youth to influence the strategic direction and policies of the Library by creating a more direct relationship between the Library Board and Toronto's youth population. Once the Board Liaison to Youth has been appointed, they will receive an orientation to Youth Services and be invited to participate in upcoming events.

One Board member is appointed to this role. Sakariya Ahmed was the Board Liaison to Youth in 2025.

Naming Committee

The [Naming Policy](#) outlines that the Board is responsible for approving the naming of all Library branches, rooms, programs and collections.

The Naming Committee is referenced in the Naming Policy. The policy indicates the City Librarian has the discretion to request that the Board establish a Naming Committee to review naming opportunities and make recommendations to the Board.

The Board Chair and the Board representative on the Foundation Board are automatically appointed to the Naming Committee.

In 2025, Deputy Mayor Amber Morley, Jonathan Hoss, and Amina Mohamed (Board representative for the Foundation Board) were the Board Member representatives, in addition to Alim Remtulla, Board Chair. Moe Hosseini-Ara, City Librarian and Will Scott, TPLF CEO were ex-officio non-voting members.

External Groups

Toronto Public Library Foundation Board:

The Board appoints one member to the Toronto Public Library Foundation Board. The Library is represented by one Board member who is an ex-officio voting director of the Foundation, and the City Librarian.

In 2025, the position was filled by Amina Mohamed.

The Foundation Board meets quarterly. The next two meetings of the Foundation Board are scheduled for Thursday, February 26, 2026 and Thursday, June 4, 2026.

Federation of Ontario Public Libraries

The Federation of Ontario Public Libraries is a non-profit organization with a mandate to benefit Ontario public libraries through advocacy, research, and marketing.

The Federation's governing board is comprised of seven caucuses broadly representative of libraries by size, geography or service focus. The seven caucuses are comprised of 22 directors. The Toronto Public Library Board appoints four directors to the Toronto caucus of the Federation; two Library staff representatives; and two Library Board representatives, who serve a term of three years. Meetings are held quarterly.

In 2025, Deputy Mayor Paul Ainslie and Jonathan Hoss were the two Library Board representatives with Deputy Mayor Paul Ainslie sitting as Chair of the Federation.

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SIGNATURE

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City Librarian

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Toronto Public Library Board 2026 Committee Membership

Toronto Public Library Board 2026 Committee Membership

Committee	2025 Membership	Required Membership for 2026
INTERNAL		
City Librarian's Performance Review Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Alim Remtulla ◆ Jonathan Hoss ◆ Amina Mohamed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Board Chair ◆ Board Vice Chair ◆ One Board member
Board Liaison to Youth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Sakariya Ahmed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ One Board member
Naming Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Alim Remtulla ◆ Amina Mohamed ◆ Deputy Mayor Amber Morley ◆ Jonathan Hoss ◆ Vickery Bowles/Moe Hosseini-Ara, City Librarian (ex-officio non-voting member) ◆ Will Scott, TPLF CEO (ex-officio non-voting member) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Board Chair ◆ Board representative on the Foundation Board ◆ Two Board members ◆ City Librarian (ex officio non-voting member) ◆ Foundation President/CEO (ex officio non-voting member)
City Librarian Selection Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Sakariya Ahmed ◆ Deputy Mayor Paul Ainslie ◆ Jonathan Hoss (Chair) ◆ Amina Mohamed ◆ Alim Remtulla 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ N/A
Strategic Planning Steering Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ N/A

EXTERNAL		
Federation of Ontario Public Libraries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Vickery Bowles (until August 2025) ◆ Moe Hosseini-Ara (as of September 2025) ◆ Lisa Radha Vohra ◆ Deputy Mayor Paul Ainslie ◆ Jonathan Hoss 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Moe Hosseini-Ara ◆ Lisa Radha Vohra ◆ Deputy Mayor Paul Ainslie ◆ One Board member
Toronto Public Library Foundation Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Amina Mohamed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ One Board member