



Toronto Public Library Board – Draft Meeting Minutes

Meeting Details

Meeting Number: 02

Date: Monday, February 23, 2026

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:13 p.m.

Location: Toronto Reference Library, Boardroom, 789 Yonge Street and via WebEx

Members Present (in person)

Alim Remtulla (Chair)

Jonathan Hoss (Vice Chair)

Deputy Mayor Paul Ainslie

Tamara Balan

Ben Liu

Members Present (via WebEx)

Serda Evren

Deputy Mayor Amber Morley

Soo Wong

Regrets

Sakariya Ahmed

Amina Mohamed

26-023 Call to Order

Alim Remtulla, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed all to the meeting.

Alim then introduced Moe Hosseini-Ara, City Librarian.

Moe recognized that it is important to acknowledge that the land on which Toronto Public Library is located is Indigenous. He indicated this is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Wendat, and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Toronto Public Library gratefully acknowledges these Indigenous nations for their guardianship of this land.

Moe then introduced the participants in the meeting.

26-024 Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

There were no *Declarations of Conflicts of Interest* by members of the Library Board at the February 23, 2026 meeting.

26-025 Approval of Agenda

Moved by Tamara Balan, **seconded by** Deputy Mayor Amber Morley:
That the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. approves the agenda.

Carried

26-026 Confirmation of January 26, 2026 Toronto Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

Moved by Soo Wong, **seconded by** Ben Liu:

That the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. confirms the minutes of the January 26, 2026 Toronto Public Library Board meeting.

Carried

26-027 Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Moved by Tamara Balan, **seconded by** Jonathan Hoss:

That the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. approves the consent agenda.

Carried

26-028 Business Arising from the Minutes

There were no *Business Arising from the Minutes* items at the February 23, 2026 meeting.

26-029 City Librarian's Report (Received by Consent)

That the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. receives the City Librarian's Report for information.

Carried

26-030 Communications

There were no *Communications* items at the February 23, 2026 meeting.

26-031 Presentations:

There were no *Presentations* at the February 23, 2026 meeting.

26-032 TPL Board Education – Friends of Toronto Public Library – Annual Update

Rosemary Fontaine, President, and Frank Velikonja, Vice President, Friends of Toronto Public Library, provided the Board with an update on the activities and achievements of the North and South Chapters over the past year.

Rosemary informed the Board that the North and South Chapters collectively raised \$215,000 in 2025 in support of the TPL Foundation.

Frank reported that volunteer engagement remained strong and noted that the South Chapter was exploring ways to increase awareness and visibility of the book sale space at the Toronto Reference Library.

Rosemary shared that the North Chapter has experienced growth in its social media presence, along with strong sales of curated book sets through Facebook Marketplace.

Following a successful year of sales, including a particularly strong holiday season, both Chapters have continued their support of the TPL's Leading to Reading, Young Voices, School Outreach, and In-Residence Programs.

Alim Remtulla and the Board thanked Rosemary and Frank for their presentation and continued support of Toronto Public Library.

Moved by Ben Liu, seconded by Jonathan Hoss:

That the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. receives the Friends of Toronto Public Library – Annual Update presentation for information.

Carried

Items for Action

26-033 2026 Operating budget - Adoption

Marco Cuoco, Director, Finance & Chief Financial Officer, and Alice Yu, Senior Manager, Budget & Financial Reporting reviewed highlights of the report for the Board.

Moved by Serda Evren, seconded by Deputy Mayor Amber Morley:

That the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. adopts the Council-adopted 2026 operating budget of \$274.378 million net (\$296.057 million gross), which includes 2,033.0 full-time equivalent staff positions, as detailed in attachment 1.

Carried

26-034 2026-2035 Capital Budget and Plan - Adoption

Marco Cuoco, Director, Finance & Chief Financial Officer, and Alice Yu, Senior Manager, Budget & Financial Reporting reviewed highlights of the report for the Board.

Moved by Ben Liu, seconded by Deputy Mayor Amber Morley:

That the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. *adopts the Council-adopted 2026-2035 Capital Budget and Plan, as detailed in Attachment 1, of \$72.776 million gross (\$51.087 million debt) in 2026 and \$630.236 million gross (\$473.360 million debt) over 2026-2035; and*
2. *receives for information Attachment 2 – Capital Delivery Constraints, which includes nine unfunded projects totalling \$343.929 million gross (\$162.734 million debt).*

Carried

26-035 2025 Capital Budget Adjustment and Monitoring Report – December 31, 2025

Marco Cuoco, Director, Finance & Chief Financial Officer, and Alice Yu, Senior Manager, Budget & Financial Reporting reviewed highlights of the report for the Board.

Moved by Jonathan Hoss, seconded by Deputy Mayor Paul Ainslie:

That the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. *endorses the following year-end cash flow accelerations totalling \$1.202 million:*
 - a. *accelerate a total of \$0.039 million gross and debt cash flow from 2026 to 2025 for Richview Building Elements;*
 - b. *accelerate a total of \$0.114 million gross and debt cash flow from 2026 to 2025 for Service and Digital Modernization;*
 - c. *accelerate a total of \$1.049 million gross and debt cash flow from 2026 to 2025 for Technology Asset Management Program;*
2. *endorses a budget transfer of \$0.115 million gross and debt from Multi-Branch Renovation project to Junction Triangle - Construction project;*
3. *authorizes staff to forward the capital budget adjustments in recommendations 1 and 2 to the City for approval; and*

4. *receives for information the 2025 year-end capital monitoring report of spending against capital projects for 2025 totalled \$85.001 million, or 94.4% of the proposed adjusted gross cash flow budget, as outlined in attachment 1.*

Carried

26-036 Toronto Public Library Board – Self-Evaluation: 2025 Results

Shawn Mitchell, Director, Policy, Planning & Performance Management, and Ashleigh Dalton, Manager, Policy & Research reviewed highlights of the report for the Board.

Moved by *Tamara Balan*, **seconded by** *Ben Liu*:

That *the Toronto Public Library Board:*

1. *adopts receives the results of the Board self-evaluation survey in Attachment 1; and*
2. *directs staff to conduct a survey in 2026.*

Carried

26-037 Apple Products and Services – Award of Contract

Steve Till-Rogers, Director, Digital Strategy & Chief Information Officer reviewed highlights of the report for the Board.

Moved by *Deputy Mayor Amber Morley*, **seconded by** *Soo Wong*:

That *the Toronto Public Library Board:*

1. *adopts a three-year term from March 1, 2026, to February 28, 2029, with a contract value of \$2,716,628; and*
2. *two one-year optional renewal periods totaling \$2,393,392 made up of March 1, 2029, to February 28, 2030 for contract value of \$1,338,961, and March 1, 2030, to February 28, 2031 for contract value of \$1,054,431.*

Carried

26-038 Enterprise Learning Management System – Award of Contract

Steve Till-Rogers, Director, Digital Strategy & Chief Information Officer reviewed highlights of the report for the Board.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Paul Ainslie, **seconded by** Jonathan Hoss:

That the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. *adopts approve a non-competitive procurement contract with Cornerstone OnDemand Inc. for enterprise LMS licensing, hosting, technical support and enhancements for a two-year term from March 15, 2026, to March 14, 2028, at a value of \$545,175 (excluding HST).*

Carried

Items for Information

26-039 Toronto Public Library Board Members – Expenses Paid for 2025

(Received by Consent)

That the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. *receives the Toronto Public Library Board Members – Expenses Paid for 2025 report for information.*

Carried

26-040 Operating Budget Monitoring Report – December 31, 2025

Marco Cuoco, Director, Finance & Chief Financial Officer, and Alice Yu, Senior Manager, Budget & Financial Reporting reviewed highlights of the report for the Board.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Amber Morley, **seconded by** Serda Evren:

That the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. *receives the Operating Budget Monitoring Report – December 31, 2025 for information.*

Carried

26-041 Annual Risk Register - Update

Shawn Mitchell, Director, Policy Planning & Performance Management, reviewed highlights of the report for the Board.

Moved by Jonathan Hoss, seconded by Deputy Mayor Paul Ainslie:
That the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. receives the Annual Risk Register - Update report for information.

Carried

26-042 2025 Fundraising Update

Pam Ryan, Director, Service Development & Innovation, and Will Scott, Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Public Library Foundation reviewed highlights of the report for the Board.

Moved by Soo Wong, seconded by Deputy Mayor Amber Morley:
That the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. receives the 2025 Fundraising Update report for information.

Carried

Closed Meeting

26-043 Closed Meeting

At 7:17 p.m., it was:

Moved by Ben Liu, seconded by Deputy Mayor Paul Ainslie:

That the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. conducts a Closed meeting as the subject matter being considered (Toronto Public Library Foundation Campaign Update & Annual Risk Register- Confidential Attachment) involves the security of the property of the Board. Public Libraries Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P. 44, s. 16.1(4).

Carried

At 8:12 p.m., the Board resumed its meeting in public.

26-044 Adoption of Closed Meeting Actions: Toronto Public Library Foundation Campaign Update

Moved by Jonathan Hoss, **seconded by** Tamara Balan:

That the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. receives the Toronto Public Library Foundation Campaign Update verbal report for information.

Carried

26-045 Adoption of Closed Meeting Actions: Annual Risk Register – Confidential Attachment

Moved by Jonathan Hoss, **seconded by** Tamara Balan:

That the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. receives the Annual Risk Register – Confidential Attachment for information.

Carried

26-046 Adjournment

Moved by Deputy Mayor Paul Ainslie, **seconded by** Deputy Mayor Amber Morley:

That the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. adjourns the February 23, 2026 Toronto Public Library Board meeting.

Carried

The meeting ended at 8:13 p.m.

Signed:_____