



## Toronto Public Library Board – Draft Meeting Minutes

### Meeting Details

Meeting Number: 05

Date: Monday, May 25, 2026

Time: 6:01 p.m. to 9:22 p.m.

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

### Members Present (in person)

Alim Remtulla (Chair)

Deputy Mayor Paul Ainslie

Ben Liu

Amina Mohamed

Deputy Mayor Amber Morley

### Members Present (via WebEx)

Jonathan Hoss (Vice Chair)

Sakariya Ahmed

Tamara Balan

Soo Wong

### Regrets

Serda Evren

### 26-093 Call to Order

Alim Remtulla, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:01 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.

### 26-094 Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

There were no *Declarations of Conflicts of Interest* by members of the Library Board at the May 25, 2026 meeting.

### 26-095 Approval of Agenda

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

**That** the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. approves the agenda.

**Carried**

### 26-096 Confirmation of April 20, 2026 Toronto Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

**Moved by** Deputy Mayor Amber Morley, **seconded by** Amina Mohamed:

**That** the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. confirms the minutes of the April 20, 2026 Toronto Public Library Board meeting.

**Carried**

## 26-097 Confirmation of April 20, 2026 Toronto Public Library Board Closed Meeting Minutes

**Moved by** Deputy Mayor Paul Ainslie, **seconded by** Amina Mohamed:

**That** the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. confirms the minutes of the April 20, 2026 Toronto Public Library Board closed meeting.

**Carried**

## 26-098 Approval of Consent Agenda Items

**Moved by** Ben Liu, **seconded by** Amina Mohamed:

**That** the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. approves the consent agenda.

**Carried**

## 26-099 Business Arising from the Minutes

There were no *Business Arising from the Minutes* items at the May 25, 2026 meeting.

## 26-100 City Librarian's Report (Received by Consent)

**That** the Toronto Public Library Board:

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

**Carried**

## 26-101 Communications

**Moved by** Deputy Mayor Amber Morley, **seconded by** Amina Mohamed:

**That** the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. receives the Communication Report for information.

**Carried**

## 26-102 Presentations:

Alim Remtulla introduced Nicole Corrado, who delivered a presentation relating to the April 20, 2026 Board report titled 'Integrated Pest Management – Award of Contract'.

Nicole Corrado expressed concern about the practices used by the company awarded the contract for pest management services at TPL (Orkin Canada Corp.) and asked the Board to reconsider the decision.

Alim Remtulla thanked Nicole Corrado for her presentation.

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

**That** the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. receives the presentation from Nicole Corrado regarding April 20, 2026 Board meeting Agenda Item No. 17 – Integrated Pest Management – Award of Contract for information.

**Carried**

## 26-103 TPL Board Education – Biblio Bash Update

Will Scott, Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Public Library Foundation (TPLF), delivered a presentation on the 2026 Biblio Bash event.

The presentation highlighted the success of the event, which raised \$1,070,000 in support of Toronto Public Library, and featured a video showcasing children participating in Library programming initiatives, demonstrating the meaningful impact of TPLF campaign funds.

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

**That** the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. receives the Biblio Bash Update presentation for information.

**Carried**

## Items for Information

### 26-104 Audit Findings Report – Year Ended December 31, 2025 – Toronto Public Library Board

Alim Remtulla introduced Kevin Travers, Partner and Aamir Ibrahim, Senior Manager, KPMG, and Marco Cuoco, Director, Finance & Chief Financial Officer. Kevin and Aamir reviewed highlights of audit findings report for the Board.

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

1. receives the Audit Finding Report – Year Ended December 31, 2025 for information.

**Carried**

## Items for Action

### 26-105 2025 Audited Financial Statements – Toronto Public Library Board

Marco Cuoco, Director, Finance & Chief Financial Officer, and Wayne Lam, Senior Manager, Accounting reviewed highlights of the report for the Board.

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

1. approves the 2025 Audited Financial Statements of the Toronto Public Library Board, appended as Attachment 1;
2. recommends that City Council receive via Audit Committee, the 2025 Audited Financial Statements, in Attachment 1 of this report dated May 25, 2026, and the Audit Findings in Attachment 1 of the report titled “Audit Findings Report – Year Ended December 31, 2025 – Toronto Public Library Board” dated May 25, 2026;
3. authorize the City Librarian, on behalf of the Board, to submit the Board’s recommendation and materials in Recommendation 2, once approved by the Board at its meeting on May 25, 2026, to the Audit Committee Administrator for submission to Audit Committee and City Council.

**Carried**

## Items for Information

### 26-106 Strategic Plan 2025-2029: Results of Library Service Use and Awareness Pulse Survey

Alim Remtulla introduced Dr. Esther Copeland, Director, Qualitative Research, and Dr. Lorne Bozinoff, President, Forum Research, and Shawn Mitchell, Director, Policy, Planning & Performance Management. Dr. Copeland and Dr. Bozinoff presented highlights of the survey to the Board.

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

**That** the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. receives the Strategic Plan 2025-2029 Results of Library Service Use and Awareness Pulse Survey for information.

**Carried**

## Items for Action

### 26-107 Alderwood Branch Property – Operating and Shared Cost Agreement with the Toronto District School Board (Approved by Consent)

**That** the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. authorize the City Librarian to enter into the Operating and Shared Cost agreement with the TDSB for a five-year term, substantially on terms and conditions set out in Appendix A.

**Carried**

### 26-108 2026 Grounds Construction – Award of Contract (Approved by Consent)

**That** the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. approves the award of contracts for rehabilitation and upgrade of the grounds at three branches, for a total commitment of \$1,761,100, comprised of:
  - a. Rodas McKnight Constructors Incorporated for grounds construction projects at Cedarbrae and Gerrard/Ashdale for \$1,262,000 plus a 10% contingency of \$126,200 for a total commitment of \$1,388,200;

- b. *H.N. Construction Limited for one grounds construction project at Humber Bay for \$339,000 plus a 10% contingency of \$33,900 for a total commitment of \$372,900.*

**Carried**

## **26-109 Financial Empowerment Service – Award of Contract (Approved by Consent)**

**That** the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. *approve an increase to the contract with North York Community House for Financial Empowerment Service in the amount of \$828,086 excluding HST, increasing the total contract value from \$1,537,546.80 to \$2,365,632.80 for the three-year contract term from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2028, plus two optional one-year extensions.*

**Carried**

## **Items for Information**

### **26-110 Accounts Written Off in 2025 (Received by Consent)**

**That** the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. *receives the Accounts Written Off in 2025 staff report for information.*

**Carried**

### **26-111 Operating Budget Monitoring Report – April 30, 2026**

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** Soo Wong, **seconded by** Sakariya Ahmed:

**That** the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. *receives the Operating Budget Monitoring Report – April 30, 2026 for information.*

**Carried**

### 26-112 Capital Budget Monitoring Report – April 30, 2026

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** Deputy Mayor Paul Ainslie:

**That** the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. receives the Capital Budget Monitoring Report – April 30, 2026 for information.

**Carried**

### 26-113 Trends in Intellectual Freedom Challenges – 2026 Annual Report

Lisa Radha Vohra, Director, Collections & Membership Services 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. receives the Trends in Intellectual Freedom Challenges – 2026 Annual Report for information.

**Carried**

### 26-114 Principles of Selection in Public Library Collections

Lisa Radha Vohra, Director, Collections & Membership Services presented highlights of the report for the Board.

The Board requested further clarification regarding the library's process for handling materials containing content that may be considered controversial and asked staff to provide a future update on the request for reconsideration process, as well as updates on ongoing advocacy efforts related to e-book pricing.

**Moved by** Deputy Mayor Amber Morley, **seconded by** Tamara Balan:

**That** the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. receives the Principles of Selection in Public Library Collections report for information.

**Carried**

## 26-115 Wi-Fi Hotspot Lending Program – Service Expansion Considerations

Pam Ryan, Director, Service Development & Innovation presented highlights of the report for the Board.

The Board noted the importance of the service and introduced a motion directing TPL to explore service expansion as part of the 2027 budget development process.

### **Motions**

#### **See the following:**

**Moved by** Deputy Mayor Amber Morley, **seconded by** Amina Mohamed:

**That** the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. explore a large expansion (doubling) of the Wi-Fi Hotspot Lending Program through the 2027 Budget process, to significantly increase to the number of households served through the program.

**Carried**

## 26-116 Toronto Public Library Centre for Democracy Update

Pam Ryan, Director, Service Development & Innovation, and Sarah Yaffe, Senior Manager, TPL Centre for Democracy presented highlights of the report for the Board.

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

**That** the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. receives the Toronto Public Library Centre for Democracy report for information.

**Carried**

## 26-117 Extend Meeting

Alim made a motion to extend the meeting until completion of the agenda.

### **Motions**

#### **See the following:**

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

**That** the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. extend the May 25, 2026 meeting of the Toronto Public Library Board until the completion of the agenda.

**Carried**

Alim then introduced guests from the Auditor General's Office including Tara Anderson, Auditor General, Syed Ali, Assistant Auditor General, and Suzanna Chan, Senior Audit Manager, along with Steve Till-Rogers, Director, Digital Strategy & Chief Information Officer.

Steve and Tara shared opening remarks providing background on the audit process and reflected on the collaborative approach taken to complete the cybersecurity audit of TPL.

## Closed Meeting

### 26-118 Closed Meeting

At 8:33 p.m., it was:

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

**That** the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. conducts a Closed meeting as the subject matter being considered (Cybersecurity Audit of Toronto Public Library and Potential New Branch and Deer Park Relocation) involves the security of the property of the Board; and (City Librarian's Performance Review Committee Follow-Up) involves personal matters concerning an identifiable individual. Public Libraries Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P. 44, s. 16.1(4).

**Carried**

At 9:21 p.m., the Board resumed its meeting in public.

## 26-119 Adoption of Closed Meeting Actions: Cybersecurity Audit of Toronto Public Library

**Moved by** Tamara Balan, **seconded by** Sakariya Ahmed:

**That** the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. approve the recommendations in the Auditor General's Cybersecurity Audit of Toronto Public Library: Overall Assessment of Network, Systems and Physical Security from the Auditor General for information – Report for Action – Attachment 1;
2. approve the recommendations in Confidential Attachment 1 of the Auditor General's report; and
3. direct that all information contained in Confidential Attachment 1 and Confidential Attachment 2 remain confidential as it involves the security of the property of the Board.

**Carried**

## 26-120 Adoption of Closed Meeting Actions: Potential New Branch and Deer Park Relocation Update

**Moved by** Amina Mohamed, **seconded by** Soo Wong:

**That** the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. receives the verbal Potential New Branch and Deer Park Relocation Update for information.

**Carried**

## 26-121 Adoption of Closed Meeting Actions: City Librarian's Performance Review Committee Follow-Up

**Moved by** Tamara Balan, **seconded by** Soo Wong:

**That** the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. approves the City Librarian's Performance Review Committee's confidential recommendation related to the City Librarian's 2025 performance plan review and 2026 performance plan; and
2. authorize the public release of Confidential Attachment 1, following finalization of appropriate approvals.

**Carried**

## 26-022 Adjournment

**Moved by** Soo Wong, **seconded by** Tamara Balan:

**That** the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. adjourns the May 25, 2026 Toronto Public Library Board meeting.

**Carried**

The meeting ended at 9:22 p.m.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_