



Aurora Public Library Board

MINUTES of MEETING

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

The Aurora Public Library Board held its regular meeting on September 17, 2025 in the MA Room.

Present: Christina Choo-Hum (Vice Chair), John Clement, Lauren Hanna (Chair), Councillor Harold Kim, Greg Smith, Councillor Michael Thompson, Terri Watman

Chief Executive Officer: Jodi Marr

Staff: Victora Dillon, Manager Collections and Access; Maida Rae, HR Coordinator/EA (recorder); Julie Rocca, Business Manager, Polly Ross-Tyrrell, Manager Customer Opportunity

The Chair called the meeting to order at 07:02 p.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION: **25.05.51**
Moved by: J. Clement
Seconded by: T. Watman
CARRIED

THAT the agenda be approved

2. Disclosure of Interest

3. Approval of Minutes:

.1 Regular meeting of June 18, 2025

MOTION: **25.05.52**
Moved by: G. Smith
Seconded by: C. Choo-Hum
CARRIED

THAT the Minutes of the June 18, 2025 regular meeting be approved

4. Items for Consideration

.1 *Second Quarter Operations Report SR2025.25*

A staff report was issued prior to the meeting.

MOTION: **25.05.53**
Moved by: J. Clement
Seconded by: T. Watman
CARRIED

THAT the Aurora Public Library 2025 Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives Report dated June 30, 2025 be approved

.2 *Second Quarter Use Indicators Report SR2025.26*

A staff report was issued prior to the meeting.

MOTION: **25.05.54**
Moved by: G. Smith
Seconded by: C. Choo-Hum
CARRIED

THAT the Aurora Public Library Board receives the Second Quarter Use Indicators Report to June 30, 2025 as information

.3 *Financial Report for the period ending June 30, 2025 SR2025.27*

A staff report was issued prior to the meeting.

MOTION: **25.05.55**
Moved by: C. Choo-Hum
Seconded by: Councillor M. Thompson
CARRIED

THAT the Financial Statement for Aurora Public Library for the period ending June 30, 2025 be received as information

5. Items for Consideration

.1 *Library Services Centre Update Report SR2025.28*

A staff report was issued prior to the meeting.

MOTION: **25.05.56**
Moved by: J. Clement
Seconded by: T. Watman
CARRIED

THAT the Library Services Centre Update Report dated September 17, 2025 be received as information

.2 *Minimum Wage Increase Report SR2025.29*

A staff report was issued prior to the meeting.

MOTION: **25.05.57**
Moved by: G. Smith
Seconded by: C. Choo-Hum
CARRIED

THAT a general wage increase effective October 1, 2025 be applied to the salary schedule for the Library Page group

.3 2026 Library Board Meeting Schedule Report SR2025.30

A staff report was issued prior to the meeting.

MOTION: **25.05.58**

Moved by: Councillor M. Thompson

Seconded by: J. Clement

CARRIED

THAT the 2026 Library Board Meeting Schedule be approved

.4 Independent Overdrive Platform Report SR2025.31

A staff report was issued prior to the meeting.

MOTION: **25.05.59**

Moved by: T. Watman

Seconded by: G. Smith

CARRIED

THAT the Aurora Public Library Board receives the Independent Overdrive Platform Report as information

V. Dillon, Manager Collections and Access presented a report regarding moving to an independent Overdrive platform effective January 1, 2026.

Councillor H. Kim arrived at 7:31 p.m.

.5 APLB Committee Review

A discussion regarding membership of the Board Committees occurred at the meeting.

MOTION: **25.05.60**

Moved by: J. Clement

Seconded by: T. Watman

CARRIED

THAT T. Watman be added to the Executive Committee, and

THAT C. Choo-Hum be added to the Finance Committee

6. Library CEO Updates

.1 CEO Updates SR2025.32

A staff report was provided prior to the meeting.

MOTION: **25.05.61**

Moved by: G. Smith

Seconded: C. Choo-Hum

CARRIED

THAT the Library CEO Updates be received as information

Staff shared highlights from 2025's Summer Reading Club and the Library of Things.

CEO J. Marr spoke to a letter from the Town's CAO regarding the recent Council motion supporting a 0% tax levy. This may impact how the Library's budget is presented later this year, but the Library is not being asked to alter their budget at this time. This will be discussed at the upcoming Library Board Finance Committee meeting before the budget is presented to the Board in October.

Library staff will be partnering with York Region Homelessness Community Programs to help meet community needs. The Library will work to offer programming to assist those experiencing homelessness.

7. General Business Information/Questions

.1 APL Updates

Photos and recent newspaper articles were shared prior to the meeting.

MOTION: **25.05.62**

Moved by: Councillor H. Kim

Seconded by: C. Choo-Hum

CARRIED

THAT the APL Updates be received as information

A Curriculum Collection is currently in development.

The recent Steve Paikin, Bruce Dowbiggin and Andrew Applebaum event was a great example of a partnership event with the Town.

8. Resolution to Move into Closed Session

MOTION: **25.05.63**

Moved by: Councillor M. Thompson

Seconded by: J. Clement

CARRIED

THAT the Board move into closed session to discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual and labour relations

The Board moved into closed session at 8:23 p.m.

MOTION: **25.05.64**

Moved by: G. Smith

Seconded by: Councillor M. Thompson

CARRIED

THAT the Board move out of closed session

The Board moved out of closed session at 9:00 p.m.

MOTION: **25.05.65**

Moved by: Councillor M. Thompson

Seconded by: J. Clement

CARRIED

THAT the Library Board confirms the CEO receives the recommended step increase after completing their first year in the role

9. Member Announcements

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

A. Adjournment

MOTION: **25.05.66**

Moved by: G. Smith

Seconded by: T. Watman

CARRIED

THAT the meeting be adjourned
at 9 p.m.

L. Hanna
Chair

J. Marr
Chief Executive Officer