



## **Aurora Public Library Board**

### **MINUTES of MEETING**

**Wednesday, February 18, 2026**

The Aurora Public Library Board held its regular meeting on February 18, 2026 in the MA Room, with a virtual option due to inclement weather.

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

Chief Executive Officer: Jodi Marr

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

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The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Library CEO Jodi Marr will serve as Chair until the Library Board Chair is elected.

#### **1. Land Acknowledgement**

L. Hanna shared a land acknowledgement.

#### **2. Adoption of the Agenda**

MOTION: **26.02.06**  
Moved by: L. Hanna  
Seconded by: C. Choo-Hum  
CARRIED

**THAT** the agenda be approved

#### **3. Election of the Library Board Executive 2026**

The CEO acted as the meeting Chair for this item of business. The position of Chair and Vice-Chair to the Library Board were declared vacant and the position of OLS Trustee Representative was declared open.

MOTION: **26.02.07**  
Moved by: J. Clement  
Seconded by: C. Choo-Hum  
CARRIED

**THAT** Lauren Hanna be nominated for the position of Chair of the Library Board

The meeting Chair called for further nominations. There being no further nominations, Lauren Hanna was acclaimed to the position of Chair.

*L. Hanna assumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.*

MOTION: **26.02.08**  
Moved by: T. Watman  
Seconded by: J. Clement  
CARRIED

**THAT** Christina Choo-Hum be nominated for position of Vice-Chair of the Library Board

The Chair called for further nominations. There being no further nominations, Christina Choo-Hum was acclaimed to the position of Vice-Chair.

MOTION: **26.02.09**  
Moved by: Councillor M. Thompson  
Seconded by: J. Clement  
CARRIED

**THAT** Terri Watman be nominated for the position of OLS Trustee

The Chair called for further nominations. There being no further nominations, Terri Watman was acclaimed to the position of OLS Trustee.

#### **4. Disclosure of Interest**

#### **5. Approval of Minutes:**

- .1 Regular meeting of December 10, 2025
- .2 Finance Committee Meeting of January 21, 2026

MOTION: **26.02.10**  
Moved by: G. Smith  
Seconded by: T. Watman  
CARRIED

**THAT** the Minutes of the December 10, 2025 regular meeting be approved

MOTION: **26.02.11**  
Moved by: Councillor M. Thompson  
Seconded by: C. Choo-Hum  
CARRIED

**THAT** the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting on January 21, 2026 be approved

#### **6. Reports**

- .1 APL 2025 Goals and Objectives Report SR2026.01**  
A staff report was issued prior to the meeting.

MOTION: **26.02.12**  
Moved by: J. Clement  
Seconded by: G. Smith  
CARRIED

**THAT** the 2025 Goals and Objectives Report to December 31, 2025 be received as information

*Councillor Harold Kim joined the meeting at 7:11 p.m.*

**.2 Fourth Quarter Use Indicators Report SR2026.02**

A staff report was issued prior to the meeting.

MOTION: **26.02.13`**  
Moved by: Councillor H. Kim  
Seconded by: G. Smith  
CARRIED

**THAT** the Aurora Public Library Board receives the Fourth Quarter Use Indicators DRAFT Report to December 31, 2025 as information

**.3 2026 Service and Holiday Hours Report SR2026.03**

A staff report was issued prior to the meeting.

MOTION: **26.02.14**  
Moved by: T. Watman  
Seconded by: C. Choo-Hum  
CARRIED

**THAT** the 2026 Service and Holiday Hours Report be approved

**.4 2025 Annual Health and Safety Report SR2026.04**

A staff report was issued prior to the meeting.

MOTION: **26.02.15**  
Moved by: Councillor H. Kim  
Seconded by: Councillor M. Thompson  
CARRIED

**THAT** the Annual Health and Safety Report for 2025 be received as information; and endorse the attached Aurora Public Library Board Health and Safety Policy statements

**7. Items for Consideration**

**.1 2026 Restated Operating Budget Report SR2026.05**

A staff report was issued prior to the meeting.

MOTION: **26.02.16**  
Moved by: J. Clement  
Seconded by: Councillor H. Kim  
CARRIED

**THAT** the Aurora Public Library 2026 Restated Operating Budget dated February 18, 2026 be approved as follows:

Library staff prepared a 2026 Operating Budget with 2025 municipal funding levels foregoing any assessment growth as directed by Town of Aurora Council

**.2 2026 Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives Report SR2026.06**

A staff report was issued prior to the meeting.

MOTION: **26.02.17**  
Moved by: G. Smith  
Seconded by: T. Watman  
CARRIED

**THAT** the Aurora Public Library 2026 Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives Report dated February 18, 2026 be approved

**.3 Sponsorship Opportunity Report SR2026.07**

A staff report was issued prior to the meeting.

MOTION: **26.02.18`**  
Moved by: T. Watman  
Seconded by: C. Choo-Hum  
CARRIED

**THAT** the Sponsorship Opportunity Report dated February 18, 2026 be approved

**8. Library CEO Updates**

**.1 CEO Updates**

A staff report was provided prior to the meeting.

MOTION: **26.02.19**  
Moved by: Councillor M. Thompson  
Seconded: J. Clement  
CARRIED

**THAT** the Library CEO Updates Report dated February 18, 2026 be received as information

**9. Resolution to Move Into Closed Session**

.1 Labour relations or employee negotiations and personal matters about an identifiable individual

MOTION: **26.02.20**  
Moved by: T. Watman  
Seconded by: C. Choo-Hum  
CARRIED

**THAT** the Board move into Closed Session to consider matters relating to labour relations or employee negotiations and personal matters about an identifiable individual

*At 8:26 p.m. the Board moved into Closed Session.*

MOTION: **26.02.21**  
Moved by: J. Clement  
Seconded by: T. Watman  
CARRIED

**THAT** the Board return to Open Session

*At 9:02 p.m. the Board returned to Open Session.*

**10. Member Announcements**

G. Smith shared information about Aurora Winter Blues Festival, and T. Watman provided an update on the Ontario Library Board Association Trustee Boot Camp from this year's OLA SuperConference.

**11. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

**12. Adjournment**

MOTION: **26.02.22**

Moved by: Councillor H. Kim

Seconded by: Councillor M. Thompson

CARRIED

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned  
at 9:03 p.m.

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L. Hanna  
Chair

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J. Marr  
Chief Executive Officer