



BPL Board Minutes | February 26, 2026

Attendance

Board: Jason Manayathu, Jennifer Tarnawski, Lindsay Zalot, Akindayomi Odedeyi, Councillor Lisa Kearns (via Zoom)

Staff: Lita Barrie, Nicole Tewkesbury, Meg Uttangi Matsos, Elise Copps, Meg DeForest, Cindy Tchorz

Regrets: Ashley Cameron, Shayne Lemieux

Minutes

A meeting of the Board was held on Thursday, February 26, 2026, at the Central Branch.

1. Call to Order

Jason Manayathu, Library Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The Library Board removed 6.4 Halton Information Service Providers Report from the consent agenda for a brief discussion

Motion 26-10, Approval of the Agenda

MOVED by Lindsay Zalot, SECONDED by Jennifer Tarnawski, that the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED.

3. Welcome and Intent for Gathering

4. Declarations of Interest – None

5. Presentations:

- Board Development: Halton Information Providers

Meg DeForest, Manager of Outreach and Inclusion, presented on Halton Information Providers' purpose and service access, noting upcoming updates following a 2025 service review and strategic planning process.

Councillor Lisa Kearns joined the meeting at 7:12 p.m. via Zoom.

Following the presentation, the Library Board conducted a brief discussed on the Halton Information Service Providers report.

Meg DeForest left the Library Board meeting at 7:29 p.m.

- Board Development: National Social Impact Study
Lita Barrie, CEO, presented the key findings from the Canadian Urban Libraries Council (CULC) national social impact study. BPL was one of 26 libraries from across Canada that participated in this research.

6. Consent Items:

- 6.1. Open Minutes of January 22, 2026
- 6.2. CEO Report
- 6.3. 2025 Requests for Reconsideration Report

Motion 26-11, Consent Agenda Items

MOVED by Akindayomi Odedeyi, SECONDED by Jennifer Tarnawski, that all items listed under the heading of Consent Items for the Library Board meeting dated February 26, 2026, will be adopted as recommended.

CARRIED.



7. Decision Items - None

7. Discussion Items – None

8. Information Items – None

9. Closed Session - None

10. Other Business - None

The meeting is adjourned at 8:08 p.m. Motion by Lindsay Zalot.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer

Next Meeting

Thursday, March 26, 2026, 6:30 p.m., Frank Rose Room, Central Branch