



## BPL Board Minutes | May 28, 2026

### Attendance

Board: Jason Manayathu, Jennifer Tarnawski, Ashley Cameron, Lindsay Zalot, Shayne Lemieux, Akindayomi Odedeyi (via Zoom)

Staff: Lita Barrie, Nicole Tewkesbury (via Zoom), Meg Uttangi Matsos, Elise Copps, Cindy Tchorz

Regrets: Councillor Lisa Kearns

### Minutes

A meeting of the Board was held on Thursday, May 28, 2026, at the Central Branch.

#### 1. Call to Order

Jason Manayathu, Library Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

#### 2. Approval of the Agenda

##### **Motion 26-20, Approval of the Agenda**

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

**CARRIED.**

#### 3. Welcome and Intent for Gathering

#### 4. Declarations of Interest – None

#### 5. Consent Items:

5.1. Open Minutes of April 23, 2026

5.2. CEO Report

5.3. 2025 Economic Impact Statement & Annual Report

##### **Motion 26-21, Consent Agenda Items**



**MOVED by Ashley Cameron, SECONDED by Shayne Lemieux, that all items listed under the heading of Consent Items for the Library Board meeting dated May 28, 2026, will be adopted as recommended.**

**CARRIED.**

## 6. Decision Items

### 6.1. 2025 Audit Statements

The Audit Committee reported that the audit was completed without issues, and upcoming accounting standard changes are expected to have minimal impact on the 2026 audit review.

#### **Motion 26-22, 2025 Audit Statements**

**MOVED by Shayne Lemieux, SECONDED by Jennifer Tarnawski, THAT the Burlington Public Library Board approve the 2025 Audit Results, and the 2025 Audited Financial Statements as presented.**

**CARRIED.**

### 6.2. 2025 Senior Leadership Expenses

#### **Motion 26-23, 2025 Senior Leadership Expenses**

**MOVED by Ashley Cameron, SECONDED by Jennifer Tarnawski, that the Burlington Public Library Board approve the 2025 Board and Senior Leadership Expenses as Presented.**

**CARRIED.**

### 6.3. Audit Minutes of April 30, 2026

#### **Motion 26-24, Audit Minutes of April 30, 2026**

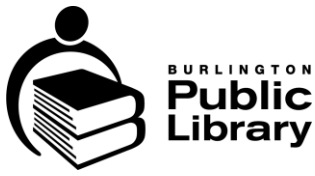
**MOVED by Jennifer Tarnawski, SECONDED by Shayne Lemieux, that the Burlington Public Library Board approve the April 30, 2026, Minutes of the Audit Committee.**

**CARRIED.**

### 6.4 Advocacy Report

#### **Motion 26-25, Advocacy Report**

**MOVED by Lindsay Zalot, SECONDED by Akindayomi Odedeyi, that the Burlington Library board endorses the Canadian Urban Libraries Council's (CULC) open letter and**



**the Canadian Federation of Library Associations' (CFLA-FCAB) Statement regarding Bill 28 and its proposed changes to the Libraries Act of Alberta.**

**Motion 26-26, Advocacy Report**

**MOVED by Akindayomi Odedeyi, SECONDED by Ashley Cameron, that the Board reaffirms that libraries have a core responsibility to uphold intellectual freedom, customer privacy, and free and equitable access to information, operating within the principle of local governance of public libraries, consistent with the Ontario Public Libraries Act and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.**

**CARRIED.**

## 7. Discussion Items

### 7.1. Board Succession Plan – Recruitment Resources

Lita Barrie presented the proposed structure for the Board open house presentations for some feedback. The final presentation and orientation package will return in September for approval. The Board approved the interview questions and evaluation matrix.

## 8. Information Items – None

## 9. Closed Session

**Motion 26-27, Motion to Move into Closed**

**MOVED by Shayne Lemieux, SECONDED by Jennifer Tarnawski, that the Burlington Public Library Board move into Closed Session.**

**CARRIED.**

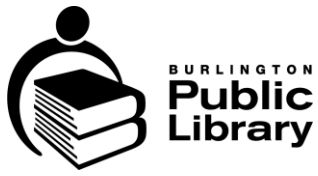
The Library Board moved into Closed Session at 7:46 p.m.

**Motion 26-28, Motion to Move Out of Closed Session**

**MOVED by Ashley Cameron, SECONDED by Jennifer Tarnawski, that the Burlington Public Library Board move out of Closed Session.**

**CARRIED.**

The Library Board moved out of Closed Session at 8:02 p.m.



## 10. Approval of Motions from Closed Session

## 11. Other Business - None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. Motion by Shayne Lemieux.

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer

## Next Meeting

Thursday, June 25, 2026, 6:30 p.m., Frank Rose Room, Central Branch