

Agenda 2.3



Mississauga Public Library Board

Regular Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held virtually on Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

Present

Brad Bass
Councillor John Kovac
Paul Lee
Councillor Matt Mahoney
Priscilla Mak
Chucks Uwandulu

Absent

Reyen Jones
Suman Kathuria
Mai Lu

Staff Present

Rona O'Banion, Director, Library
Jennifer Stirling, Manager, Library Digital Services & Collections
Laura Reed, Manager, Central Library & Community Development
Sue Coles, Manager, Facilities & Operations
Fawzia Raja, Manager, Library Operations Planning & Analysis

Minutes Recorded

Anne Marie Solleza

Minutes

1.0 Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

1.1 Excused Absences

37:25 Resolved that R. Jones, S. Kathuria and M. Lu be excused from the meeting.

Moved by P. Lee

Seconded by B. Bass

Carried

2.1 Approval of Agenda

It should be noted that this meeting originally scheduled to be held at Churchill Meadows Library had to be switched to virtual due to a lack of quorum if the meeting was carried out in person.

38:25 Resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

Moved by Councillor J. Kovac

Seconded by P. Lee

Carried

2.2 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

2.3 Approval of Minutes

39:25 Resolved that the Minutes from the September 17, 2025 Board meeting be approved.

Moved by P. Lee

Seconded by Councillor J. Kovac

Carried

2.4 In Camera Agenda – Nil.

3.0 Delegation/Guest Speaker – Nil.

4.0 Business Arising from Minutes – Nil.

5.0 Consent Agenda: Staff Information Reports

Discussion highlights are as follows:

- The CEO spoke about the FOPL Strategic Plan 2025-2029 and provided examples of Board training and development in response to a question from the Board.

- L. Reed highlighted the Mississauga Literary Festival held last September 13 at Hazel McCallion Central Library. The Mississauga Literary Festival project team worked hard to feature a number of programs, workshops, activities, and an exhibitor marketplace with 60 local traditionally and self-published authors.
- The Board appreciated all the heartwarming stories included in the report such as the collaboration and partnership with University of Toronto-Mississauga, the many services offered by the Open Window Hub such as housing referrals, clothing donations, care packages and mental health workshops.
- J. Stirling spoke to the library's continued support of the Public Lending Right (PLR) program, which ensures authors are compensated for the free public use of their books in libraries. In answer to a query from the Board, J. Stirling will provide more details regarding how library data is used to calculate the payments to authors and creators received through the Public Lending Right program.

J. Stirling also included a summary of the Board's October and November Advocacy activities and sample social media posts to support the Board's advocacy efforts.

- S. Coles focused on facility upgrades at the various branches including signage refreshes and accessibility software for self checkout machines across the system. She also spoke about the flooring upgrades at Frank McKechnie Library scheduled to be completed just in time for 25th anniversary celebration for Frank McKechnie Library at the end of November.

In response to a question from the Board, S. Coles confirmed that customers are taking advantage of the 9:00am opening time for those library branches that used to open at 10:00am.

40: 25 Resolved that item 5.1 to 5.4 on the consent agenda be received.

Moved by C. Uwandulu
Seconded by Councillor J. Kovac
Carried

6.1 New Business

6.1 Review of Governance Policies 07-09

As recommended by staff, policies 07 and 09 were approved with no changes.

Discussion of policy 08 was deferred to the November meeting where a self evaluation tool will be presented for the Board's approval.

41:25 Resolved that the Board approve the review of Governance policy 07 and 09.

Moved by Councillor J. Kovac
Seconded by P. Lee
Carried

6.2 2026 Budget Update

F. Raja presented the 2026 Budget for the Board's endorsement. The focus of the 2026 budget proposal is in maintaining current services levels, the continued redevelopment of South Common Library, and ongoing enhancements in technology and infrastructure across library locations.

42:25 Resolved that the Board endorse the Mississauga Library 2026 Budget.

Moved by P. Lee
Seconded by Councillor J. Kovac
Carried

7.0 Adjournment

43:25 Resolved that the meeting adjourn at 6:35pm.

Moved by Councillor J. Kovac
Seconded by B. Bass
Carried

Next Meeting

The next Library Board meeting will be on November 19, 2025 at Hazel McCallion Central Library.

Secretary/Treasurer

Chair