



Ajax Public Library

Board Meeting Agenda

March 20, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Board: Voytek Bialkowski, Piyali Correya (Chair), Sepelene Deonarine, Mallik Fernando, Rebecca Hayes, Pia Kaukoranta Vahabi (Vice Chair), Regional Councillor Sterling Lee, Deborah McDougall Jones, Douglas Miller

Staff:

Sarah Vaisler	- CLEO & Secretary/Treasurer
Jason Tooral	- Manager of Corporate Services
Melissa Redden	- Manager of Public Service
Sai Mahendran	- Executive Assistant
Kiley Percy	- Coordinator of Marketing and Communications
Sarah Dodge	- Coordinator of Community Engagement
Makeda Davis	- Marketing Assistant

1. Call to Order

2. Land Acknowledgement

We would like to begin this meeting by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is situated within the traditional and treaty territory of the Mississaugas. More specifically, the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, signatories of the Gunshot Treaty of 1788 and the Williams Treaties of 1923. This land is, and will continue to be, home to the Indigenous Peoples. Let us acknowledge the mistakes and traumas of the past through authenticity and support truth and reconciliation. Let us engage and celebrate Indigenous communities by being leaders of action in acknowledging the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's recommendations towards truth and reconciliation. Let us keep these principles close, as we continue towards truth and reconciliation and as we move forward with kindness and respect as a community.

3. Introductions & Election of the Board's Executive Positions (Chair and Vice Chair)

The Chair will declare nominations open for the position of Chair.

MOTION: That XXXX be nominated for Chair.

MOTION: That nominations for Chair be closed.

Call for a vote if required, or XXXX assumes the position of Chair and will declare that nominations are open for Vice Chair.

MOTION: That XXXX be nominated for Vice Chair.

MOTION: That nominations for Vice Chair be closed.

Call for a vote if required, or XXXX assumes the position of Vice Chair.

4. Approval of the Agenda

- 4.1 Trustees who wish to add items to the agenda may request the Chairperson's permission at this time. This includes items of New Business. The Chairperson will rule on the request and such ruling may be challenged or appealed, in which case a majority vote can sustain or overrule the decision of the Chairperson (not debatable).

MOTION: That the Ajax Public Library Board approve the agenda of the March 20, 2025, Board Meeting.

5. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

6. Guest Presentations:

- 6.1 Library's Equity, Inclusion and Diversity Committee Staff Update

7. Consent Agenda

- 7.1 Minutes from meeting of February 20, 2025
- 7.2 Chief Librarian's Report
- 7.3 Staff Report – February Financial Compliance Report
- 7.4 Staff Report – February Financial Report
- 7.5 Committee Composition and Work Plan
- 7.6 2025 Annual Agenda/Work Plan
- 7.7 Staff Report – 2024 Annual Report

The Chairperson will review the items of the consent agenda and ask if any item should be removed and placed on the regular agenda for discussion.

MOTION: That the Ajax Public Library Board approve the consent agenda as presented/amended.

8. Correspondence

- 8.1 Customer Testimonial – *Volunteer Matteus*

9. Other Business

- 9.1 TAC Update – *Hansika J. Shetty*
- 9.2 Council Update – *Regional Councillor Sterling Lee*

9.3 Internal Monitoring Report – *E.L. 3.5 Emergency Executive Succession*

MOTION: That the Ajax Public Library Board has received the monitoring report for EL 3.5 Emergency Executive Succession and agrees that it provides reasonable interpretation of the policy and evidence of compliance.

9.4 Staff Report – 2024 Year End Financials Report

MOTION: That the Ajax Public Library Board approve the transfer of up to \$138,502 from the Stabilization Reserve to the 2024 Operating budget.

9.5 Committee Updates

9.6 Announcements

10. Adjournment

2025 Regular Library Board Meeting Dates

Meeting Date	Meeting Location
April 17, 2025	Multi-Purpose Room, Audley Branch
May 15, 2025	Rotary Room, Main Branch
June 19, 2025	TBD

Please advise the CLEO at sarah.vaisler@ajaxlibrary.ca if you are unable to attend this meeting.