



Ajax Public Library Board Board Meeting Agenda October 15, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Location

Ajax Public Library Main Branch, Rotary Room

Library Board

Pia Kaukoranta Vahabi (Vice-Chair)

Deborah McDougall Jones

Voytek Bialkowski

Sepelene Deonarine

Mallik Fernando

Deputy Mayor Sterling Lee

Douglas Miller

Library Staff

Sarah Vaisler, Chief Librarian & Executive Officer and Secretary/Treasurer

Jason Tooral, Manager of Corporate Services

Christy Harper, Manager of Public Service

Sai Mahendran, Executive 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. Approval of the Agenda

3.1. 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 October 15, 2026, Board Meeting.

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

5. Guest Presentations

- 5.1. Regional Municipality of Durham – Jocelyn Siciliano, Sahar Foroutani & Meaghan MacDonald

6. Consent Agenda

- 6.1. Minutes from meeting of September 17, 2026
- 6.2. Closed Minutes from meeting of September 17 , 2026 – distributed separately
- 6.3. October 2026 Chief Librarian's Report
- 6.4. September Financial Compliance Report
- 6.5. September Financial Report
- 6.6. 2026 Annual Agenda/Work Plan
- 6.7. Committee Composition and Work Plan
- 6.8. Staff Report – Q3 2026 Board Expense Report
- 6.9. Staff Report – Q3 2026 Donations Report
- 6.10. Staff Report – Staff Training & Development Update
- 6.11. Board Self-Evaluation – BSR 3.3 Delegation to the CLEO
- 6.12. Board Self-Evaluation – GP 3.6 Board Committee Principle & Structure

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.

7. Correspondence

- 7.1. Makerspace Summer Student - Video

8. Other Business

- 8.1. TAC Update – TAC Co-President Tanvi Lee
- 8.2. Council Update – Deputy Mayor Sterling Lee
- 8.3. Internal Monitoring Report – Executive Limitations 3.3 Communication and Counsel to the Board

MOTION: That the Ajax Public Library Board has received the monitoring report for EL 3.3 Communication and Counsel to the Board and agrees that it provides reasonable interpretation of the policy and evidence of compliance.

8.4. Internal Monitoring Report – Executive Limitations 3.7 Financial Planning/Budget Policy

MOTION: That the Ajax Public Library Board has received the monitoring report for EL 3.7 Financial Planning/Budget Policy and agrees that it provides reasonable interpretation of the policy and evidence of compliance.

8.5. Staff Report – Revised Library Board Recruitment Work Plan

8.6. Election of Board Executive Position (Vice Chair)

8.7. Committee Updates

9. Closed Session

9.1. Employee Negotiations

To discuss matters related to labour relations or employee negotiations.

9.2. Annual performance review of Chief Librarian and Executive Officer

To discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual.

9.3. Exempt Working Conditions of Chief Librarian and Executive Officer

To discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual.

9.4. Governance Matters

To discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual.

10. Announcements

11. Adjournment

2026 Regular Library Board Meeting Dates

Meeting Date	Meeting Location
November 19, 2026	Rotary Room, Main Branch
December - TBD	TBD

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