



Ajax Public Library Board Special Library Board Meeting Minutes

Date: June 29, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Place: Rotary Room, Main Branch

Library Board Present

Pia Kaukoranta Vahabi (Acting Chair)
Deborah McDougall Jones (Vice-Chair)
Voytek Bialkowski
Sepelene Deonarine

Mallik Fernando
Rebecca Hayes
Deputy Mayor Sterling Lee
Douglas Miller

Absent

Piyali Correya (excused)

Library Staff

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

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

26-06/01

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sterling Lee
Seconded by: Douglas Miller

Motion that the Ajax Public Library Board approve the agenda of the June 29, 2026, Special Library Board Meeting.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None.

5. Closed Session (Commenced at 6:32 p.m.)

26-06/02

Moved by: Voytek Bialkowski

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Sterling Lee

Motion that the Ajax Public Library Board move into Closed Session.

CARRIED

5.1 Governance Matter

Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

Deborah McDougall Jones (Vice-Chair) joined at 6:50 p.m.

Open Session (8:02 p.m.)

26-06/03

Moved by: Rebecca Hayes

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Sterling Lee

Motion that the Ajax Public Library Board ratify all decisions made in Closed Session.

CARRIED

26-06/04

Moved by: Deborah McDougall Jones

Seconded by: Rebecca Hayes

Motion that the Ajax Public Library Board's position is that Piyali Correya's appointment was not legally terminated and remains a member of the Board in good standing and staff be directed to include her in future correspondence and complete related administrative tasks.

Recorded Vote

In Favour: Rebecca Hayes, Deborah McDougall Jones, Mallik Fernando, Douglas Miller, Voytek Bialkowski, Pia Kaukoranta Vahabi

Opposed: Deputy Mayor Sterling Lee

Abstained: Sepelene Deonarine

CARRIED

Any member who abstains from voting, pursuant to Section 246 of the Municipal Act, 2001, shall be recorded as a negative vote.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

26-06/05 Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sterling Lee
Seconded by: Deborah McDougall Jones

Motion that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Next meeting: Thursday, September 17, 2026
7:00 p.m. Multi-Purpose Room, Audley Branch