



## Ajax Public Library Board Special Library Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** July 27, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

**Place:** Multi-Purpose Room, Audley Branch

### **Library Board Present**

Piyali Correya (Chair)

Deborah McDougall Jones (Vice-Chair)

Voytek Bialkowski

Mallik Fernando

Rebecca Hayes

Pia Kaukoranta Vahabi

Douglas Miller

### **Regrets**

Deputy Mayor Sterling Lee

### **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 5:32 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.

Sepelene Deonarine joined at 5:34 p.m.

### **3. Approval of the Agenda**

26-07/01

Moved by: Pia Kaukoranta Vahabi

Seconded by: Deborah McDougall Jones

Motion that the Ajax Public Library Board approve the agenda of the July 27, 2026, Special Library Board Meeting.

**CARRIED**

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#### 4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None.

#### 5. Closed Session (Commenced at 5:35 p.m.)

26-07/02      Moved by: Pia Kaukoranta Vahabi  
                    Seconded by: Sepelene Deonarine

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.

#### Open Session (6:32 p.m.)

26-07/03      Moved by: Voytek Bialkowski  
                    Seconded by: Douglas Miller

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

**CARRIED**

26-07/04      Moved by: Pia Kaukoranta Vahabi  
                    Seconded by: Rebecca Hayes

Motion that the Ajax Public Library Board update its  
June 2, 2026, statement to:

The Ajax Public Library Board's position is that  
Piyali Correya is a member in good standing and  
Chair of the Board.

**CARRIED**

26-07/05      Moved by: Rebecca Hayes  
                    Seconded by: Mallik Fernando

Motion that the Ajax Public Library Board rescind  
the motion 26-05/09 passed on May 21, 2026, that  
Deborah McDougall Jones be nominated for Vice-  
Chair.

**CARRIED**

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## 6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

26-07/06      Moved by: Deborah McDougall Jones  
Seconded by: Rebecca Hayes

Motion that the meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**