



# Ajax Public Library Board

## 7.3 Special Library Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** June 2, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

**Place:** Audley Room, Main Branch

### Library Board Present

Pia Kaukoranta Vahabi (Chair)

Deborah McDougall Jones (Vice-Chair)

Voytek Bialkowski

Sepelene Deonarine

Mallik Fernando

Rebecca Hayes

Regional Councillor Sterling Lee

Douglas Miller

### Library Staff

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

Kiley Percy, Interim Manager of Public Service

Sai Mahendran, Executive Assistant

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Voytek Bialkowski joined at 7:02 p.m.

Mallik Fernando joined at 7:02 p.m.

Deborah McDougall Jones joined at 7:03 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.

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### 3. Approval of the Agenda

26-06/01 Moved by: Regional Councillor Sterling Lee  
Seconded by: Douglas Miller

Motion that the Ajax Public Library Board approve the agenda of the June 2, 2026, Special Library Board Meeting.

**CARRIED**

### 4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Rebecca Hayes and Mallik Fernando questioned Deputy Mayor Sterling Lee's conflict of interest.

Deputy Mayor Lee asserted he had no pecuniary interest and no conflict of interest in the matters being discussed.

Pia Kaukoranta Vahabi (Chair) requested Deputy Mayor Lee leave the meeting.

Deputy Mayor Lee left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

### 5. Correspondence

#### 5.1 Email from Piyali Correya dated May 28, 2026, related to item 6.1

Pia Kaukoranta Vahabi declared correspondence 5.1 Email from Piyali Correya dated May 28, 2026, will be discussed in closed as it relates to Closed Session item 6.1

### 6. Closed Session (Commenced at 7:19 p.m.)

26-06/02 Moved by: Douglas Miller  
Seconded by: Mallik Fernando

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

**CARRIED**

#### **Governance matters arising from Council's May 21, 2026, decision.**

##### 6.1 Identifiable Individual

To discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual.

#### **Open Session (9:06 p.m.)**

26-06/03 Moved by: Deborah McDougall Jones  
Seconded by: Doug Miller

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

