



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 (Acting Chair)
Deborah McDougall Jones (Vice-Chair)
Voytek Bialkowski
Piyali Correya
Sepelene Deonarine

Mallik Fernando
Rebecca Hayes
Deputy Mayor Sterling Lee
Douglas Miller

Regrets

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.

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 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

Piyali Correya left the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

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.

CARRIED

26-06/04

Moved by: Rebecca Hayes

Seconded by: Sepelene Deonarine

Motion that the Ajax Public Library Board adopt the following holding statement:

The Ajax Public Library Board is aware of Town Council's decision of May 21, 2026, regarding the revocation of a Trustee appointment to the Board, and the Board is in receipt of correspondence dated May 28, 2026, from the Trustee in question.

The Board takes its governance responsibilities seriously.

At this time, the Board is reviewing the information available to it. Until that review is complete, the Board will not comment further on the specifics of the matter.

The Ajax Public Library remains focused on delivering safe, welcoming, and high-quality library services to the community.

CARRIED

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

26-06/05

Moved by: Douglas Miller

Seconded by: Voytek Bialkowski

Motion that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Next meeting:

Thursday, June 18, 2026

7:00 p.m. Rotary Room, Main Branch