

# Federation of Ontario Public Libraries

**Meeting of the Board of Directors**

**Minutes**

**Friday, April 27th 2018**

*10:00 am – 2:00 pm*

**TORONTO REFERENCE LIBRARY – 789 Yonge Street – Founder’s Room**

Attendees: Margie Singleton, Margaret Maclean, Elizabeth Glass, Wayne Greco, Anand Date, Sabrina Saunders, Kathy Fisher, Jennifer LaChapelle, Julia Merritt, Rebecca Hunt, Alicia Kilgour, Sheri Mish, Samara Cull, Maureen Barry, Vickery Bowles

Regrets: Christina Blazecka, Paul Ainslie, Pierre Giroux, Ross Parry, Sonya Doyle,

Absent: Barbara Ross, Catherina Rouse

Guests: Kevin Finnerty-Ministry Tourism, Culture & Sport, Brendan Howley, Open Media Desk, Devan Sommerville-Counsel Public Affairs, Brook McLean, Stratford Public Library

Staff: Stephen Abram, Helen Morrison

# AGENDA TIME (Min.)

1. **Call to Order 2**

FOPL Board of Directors meeting called to order at 10:07 am

1. **Regrets 2**

As noted

1. **Declarations of Conflict of Interest 1**
2. Stephen Abram: consulting to PLs (Waterloo PL/Edmonton P/L/St Mary’s/  
   Caledon PL, East Gwillimbury, Woodstock, Barrie, Lambton County) investments  
    in Library start-ups, teaching at iSchool (U of T) as well as a partnership and advisory  
    council position.
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA 2**

MOTION:

To Approve the FOPL Board of Director’s Agenda of Friday, April 27, 2018

Moved by:

Jennifer LaChapelle, Clearview Public Libraries

Seconded By:

Margaret Maclean, Thunder Bay Public Library

/All in favour

**MOTION:**

To appoint Alicia Kilgour of Niagara Falls Public Library to the FOPL Board representing the Large Urban Caucus, she will replace Rose Vespa of the Mississauga Library System**.**

Moved by:

Jennifer LaChapelle, Clearview Public Libraries

Seconded By:

Margie Singleton, Vaughan Public Libraries

/All in favour

A presentation was given by Brendan Howley on the Open Media Project to date, giving some context as to how to use this resource, the political aspects involved and was followed up with a Q&A session.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES –November 10, 2017 2**

MOTION:

To approve the minutes of November 10, 2017

Moved by:

Anand Date, Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library

Seconded By:

Margie Singleton, Vaughan Public Libraries

/All in favour

1. **RECEIVE MINUTES OF AGM-Feb. 1, 2018 2**

MOTION:

To receive the minutes of the AGM- Feb. 1, 2018

Moved by:

Margaret Maclean, Thunder Bay Public Library

Seconded By:

Elizabeth Glass, Toronto Public Library

/All in favour

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF TELECONFERENCE –JAN. 22, 2018 2**

MOTION:

To approve the minutes of the Jan. 22, 2018 Teleconference

Moved by:

Wayne Greco, Sault Ste. Marie Public Library

Seconded By:

Margaret Maclean, Thunder Bay Public Library

/All in favour

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF Post Board MEETING –FEB. 1 2018 2**

MOTION:

To approve the minutes of the Post Board Meeting - Feb. 1, 2018

Moved by:

Kathy Fisher, Ottawa Public Library

Seconded By:

Samara Cull, Armstrong Township Public Library

/All in favour

1. **APPROVAL OF CHAIR’S COMMENTS/REPORT 10**

MOTION:

To approve the Chair’s Comments/Report

Julia talked briefly about the recent IFLA Global Visioning Workshop, which she attended.

Moved by:

Vickery Bowles, Toronto Public Library

Seconded By:

Margie Singleton, Vaughan Public Libraries

/All in favour

1. **APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT 10**

MOTION:

That the report of the Executive Director be received as circulated

* Successful in getting pre-election budget
* Planning for AMO
* Re-launching municipal and provincial notes on building your legacy and how to appoint and influence new board members
* Working with government relations firm throughout June to polish what we are doing
* We need more timely data, so the public library data collection will be moved up 6 months earlier
* “Art in your Wallet” book publication estimated for Fall 2018

Moved by:

Elizabeth Glass, Toronto Public Library

Seconded By:

Margie Singleton, Vaughan Public Libraries

/All in favour

1. **TREASURER’S UPDATE 5**

MOTION:

That the Treasurer’s Report for the period ending March 31, 2018 be received.

* Wayne commented that FOPL is in good shape with very little outstanding receivables.

Moved by:

Margie Singleton, Vaughan Public Libraries

Seconded By:

Margaret Maclean, Thunder Bay Public Library

/All in favour

1. Kevin Finnerty of the Ministry of Tourism and culture Affairs presented at 11:00. He talked about the recent announcements in the provincial budget and how huge this is for the work that has been undertaken.

Other investments that were not announced in budget will include:

* Increased funding for First Nation libraries with a salary supplement
* One-time investment to create broadband infrastructure for First Nation public libraries

3 things need to happen next

* Provincial budget needs to be approved
* Election in June
* This funding will get placed on “holdback” with a plan to roll out the fund

Government is planning on passing a budget motion before the writ is dropped near May 7, 2018.

1. **Working Groups 25**

MOTION

To accept the new Terms of Reference for CELUPL Working Group

Moved By:

Vickery Bowles, Toronto Public Library

Seconded By:

Alicia Kilgour, Niagara Falls Public Library

/All in Favour

1. **Leadership Summit**

* SOLS will be funding
* Top priority in Ontario is dealing with the soft middle and recruiting next generation CEO’s
* Will have another meeting with a smaller steering committee to go through the planning
* Asking CEO’s and hi-pots
* Moving from principals into developing a coordinated leadership development strategy
* Need better core strategy
* Need to get positive tactical strategies into a framework
* Date will be set for Oct. 2018

1. **Government Relations Strategy**

-Devan Sommerville of Counsel Public Affairs made a brief presentation to the board introducing himself and explaining the work that has been undertaken with FOPL and OLA since last spring.

- He emphasized how strong relations were made in government and that a great achievement has been made

- He talked briefly on school library funding, how it is still evolving and that a formal commitment identifying the importance of the value in school libraries will be included in the fall consultations.

1. **Other business**

**MOTION:**

* Requested by Maureen Barry of Burlington Public Library that a letter of support from FOPL go the TPL and TDSB after the tragic van incident that killed and injured many people on April 23/18

Moved by:

Anand Data, Vaughan Public Libraries

Seconded By:

Wayne Greco, Sault Ste. Marie Public Library

/All in favour

**Adjournment: 1:58**

Moved By:

Margaret Maclean, Thunder Bay Public Library

/All in Favour