Minutes

Federation of Ontario Public Libraries

Meeting Date: Jun 9, 2025
Meeting Time: 10:00a.m.
Location: Virtual via Zoom
Secretary: Dina Stevens, Executive Director/Secretary of the Board

In Attendance: ***Francophone Caucus*:** Catherina Moskau
***Large Urban Caucus*:** Wayne Greco, Sarah Douglas-Murray, Margie Singleton, Sarah Vaisler
***Small & Medium Caucus*:** Beverley King, Jodie Delgado, Nadine Williams, Emma Kinsman
***Northern Caucus*:** Rebecca Hunt
***Rural Caucus*:** Jennifer La Chapelle, Susan McGibbon
***Toronto Caucus*:** Vickery Bowles, Paul Ainslie, Lisa Radha Vohra
Guests: Jamie Hardie

Regrets: Feather Maracle, Kathleen Copegog, David Harvie, Jonathan Hoss
Absent: Kathy Fisher

FOPL Team: Dina Stevens, Executive Director, Diana Chiavaroli, Administrative Assistant

Prepared By: Diana Chiavaroli, Administrative Assistant

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1. Call to Order & Roll Call

The Q2 Board Meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. by the Chair.

2. Land Acknowledgement

3. Regrets

As noted above.

4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the December 13, 2024 Board Meeting

Moved by Wayne Greco and seconded by Margie Singleton, THAT this Board approve, as circulated, the minutes of the December 13, 2024 board meeting. CARRIED.

6. Approval of the Minutes of the 2025 Audit Approval Board Meeting

Moved by Jodie Delgado and seconded by Beverley King, THAT this Board approve, as circulated, the minutes of the FOPL 2025 Audit Approval Board Meeting. CARRIED.

7. Approval of the Minutes of the 2025 Post AGM Board Meeting

Moved by Jennifer LaChapelle and seconded by Vickery Bowles, THAT this Board approve, as circulated, the minutes of the FOPL 2025 Post AGM Board Meeting. CARRIED.

8. Approval of the Agenda.

Moved by Sarah Vaisler and seconded by Susan McGibbon, THAT this Board approve as circulated, the FOPL Board Agenda of June 9, 2025. CARRIED.

Jamie Hardy entered the meeting

13.a Strategic Plan Branding Project

13a. was bumped up as Jamie Hardie joined the meeting to give his presentation.

The branding process was recapped, and final designs were presented to the board. It was then reviewed what would be included in a full branding guide and package.

Jamie Hardy exited the meeting

13.b Full Rebrand Discussion

The board discussed and gave input on the final designs. The consensus was in favour of moving forward with the full branding guide and package.

Moved by Margie Singleton, seconded by Wayne Greco THAT the Board approve the additional funds of $3500 for the full rebrand, with revisions based on board feedback. CARRIED.

Motion to move to In-Camera Session

Moved by Wayne Greco, seconded by Margie Singleton THAT this Board go into Closed Session at 11:06 a.m. CARRIED.

In- Camera Session

Exit In- Camera Session

Moved by Margie Singleton, seconded by Jodie Delgado, THAT the Board exit the Closed Session at 11:31 a.m. CARRIED.

Moved by Sarah Vaisler, seconded by Jennifer LaChapelle, THAT the Board confirm the actions of the Board of Directors of FOPL that took place in camera. CARRIED.

9. Treasurer's Report

Moved by Rebecca Hunt and seconded by Lisa Radha Vohra, THAT the Board receive the Treasurer's report as information. CARRIED.

10. Executive Director's Report

The ED reviewed updated advocacy measures and plans for initiatives for safety and security in public libraries.

Moved by Vickery Bowles and seconded by Catherina Moskau, THAT this Board receive the Executive Director's Report as information. CARRIED.

11. Working Group and Committees – Reports and Updates

a. French Translation Working Group

Moved by Catherina Moskau and seconded by Lisa Radha Vohra, THAT this Board receive the Working Group's Report as information. CARRIED.

12. Deferred Business

a. CELUPL Terms of Reference

The main updates to the CELUPL terms of reference were highlighted

Moved by Vickery Bowles and seconded by Beverley King THAT this Board adopts the updated CELUPL Terms of Reference. CARRIED.

13. New Business

c. Spring Caucus Meetings

The ED recapped discussions that were had at the Spring Caucus Meetings. General consensus being that the ODPL is the top priority. An increase to PLOG would be considered a gesture of goodwill. Safety and security in libraries was also noted as a top priority.

Moved by Emma Kinsman and seconded by Susan McGibbon THAT the Board receive the report as information. CARRIED.

d. Advocacy Champions Award

The ED proposed the idea of an annual award for an advocacy champion. This would be awarded by FOPL at the OLA Superconference and nominated by peers. An Awards Committee of FOPL Board members would be formed to decide on details of the award and to create a nominations package with clear requirements for nomination qualifications. A small budget allocation would be required, which would be included in the 2026 budget.

Moved by Beverley King and seconded by Sarah Vaisler THAT the Board approve the creation of an annual advocacy award to be presented at the OLA Superconference. CARRIED.

e. Board Recognition

The ED reviewed a proposal for board recognition awards and a framework for the timeline of these recognition pieces. The board discussed what the physical token should be.

Moved by Jennifer LaChapelle and seconded by Sarah Douglas-Murray THAT the Board approve the regular awarding of Certificates of Recognition to FOPL Board members. CARRIED.

14. Next Meeting

Friday, September 5th, 2025
10:00AM
Hybrid - Location TBD

Special thanks were given to Vickery Bowles for her work with FOPL, as she is retiring.

15. Adjournment

Moved by Vickery Bowles and seconded by Lisa Radha Vohra THAT the meeting be adjourned. CARRIED.

The Board meeting was called to adjourn by the Chair at 12:00.

Paul Ainslie, Chair	Dina Stevens, Board Secretary