Federation of Ontario Public LIBRARIES

Minutes

Federation of Ontario Public Libraries

Meeting Date: Feb 27, 2026
Meeting Time: 10:00a.m.
Location: Virtual
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
Northern Caucus: Rebecca Hunt
***Rural Caucus*:** Jennifer La Chapelle
***Toronto Caucus*:** Paul Ainslie, Moe Hosseini-Ara, Lisa Radha Vohra, Ben Liu
Former Library Leaders: David Harvie

Regrets: Emma Kinsman, Kathy Fisher, Feather Maracle, Nadine Williams, Susan McGibbon
Absent: None.

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

Prepared By: Diana Chiavaroli, Administrative Assistant

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

The Q1 Board Meeting was called to order at 10:04 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 12, 2025 Board Meeting

Moved by Margie Singleton and seconded by Jennifer La Chapelle, THAT this Board approve, the minutes of the December 12, 2025 board meeting. CARRIED.

An update was provided on the business of insurance benefits – further information will be provided at the next board meeting.

It was noted that board members who have left the board since the board recognition program was approved have been sent framed indigenous artwork as a token of appreciation.

6. Approval of the Agenda.

Moved by Wayne Greco and seconded by Jodie Delgado, THAT this Board approve as circulated, the FOPL Board Agenda of February 27, 2026. CARRIED.

7. Treasurer's Report

ED welcomed new board member Ben Liu. Warm wishes were given to Jonathan Hoss who resigned from the board.

10:12 Sarah Vaisler joined the meeting

10:18 Catherina Moskau joined the meeting

ED provided a summary of the treasurer's report, highlighting a new membership campaign successful in acquiring two new members. Concerns were raised over a few members declining 2026 membership. Some members offered donations instead of full membership fees. Reasons noted for declined membership were monetary. Monetary concerns were also noted as the primary concern for non-members declining. Suggestions were made on best ways to retain members, as well as engaging new members. A request was made for a comprehensive engagement plan, which the ED will bring to the May board meeting. A committee was suggested to create the engagement plan.

Moved by Catherina Moskau and seconded by David Harvie, THAT this Board receive the Treasurer's Report as information. CARRIED.

8. Executive Director's Report

a. 2026 WorkPlan

ED provided a summary of the Work Plan

Moved by Sarah Vaisler and seconded by Sarah Douglas-Murray, THAT this Board receive the Executive Director's Report as information. CARRIED.

Moved by Rebecca Hunt and seconded by Catherina Moskau, THAT this Board receive the Executive Director's 2026 Workplan as information. CARRIED.

9. Previous Business

a. Bylaw and Policy Approval

Moved by Moe Hosseini-Ara and seconded by Lisa Radha Vohra THAT the Board approve the edits to the Bylaw and Finance Policy. CARRIED.

10:56 Ben Liu left the meeting

10. New Business

a. Audit Review and Approval

Moved by Jennifer La Chapelle and seconded by Beverley King THAT the Board approve the 2025 draft financial statements. CARRIED.

b. Membership Fee Review

The ED reviewed the current membership fees, noting the bands that have the most non-members. A discussion was had regarding how membership fees might be adjusted to make membership more accessible. It was agreed that a committee will be formed to review and propose amendments to the current fee structure and will serve for this task as well as to create an engagement plan as the two are closely linked. Volunteers for the committee were selected during the discussion.

Moved by Jennifer La Chapelle and seconded by Jodie Delgado THAT the Board accept the formation of a committee for membership review. CARRIED.

c. Recycling Books Issue with Circular Materials

The ED provided an update on the issues regarding recycling books. The question was raised and discussed if this is an issue FOPL should be involved with. It was agreed a survey be sent to the membership to evaluate the issue across the province, and contact be made with the ministry to evaluate if the issue can be pursued. A report will be brought to the board at the Q2 May board meeting.

Moved by Catherina Moskau and seconded by Wayne Greco THAT the ED will pursue and initiate advocacy regarding Circular Materials and books ineligible for recycling under the new provincial program. CARRIED.

11. Announcements

The ED noted the changeover in TPL's board representation from Jonathan Hoss to Ben Liu. The sudden closure of the Six Nations PL building was noted.

Board vacancies were also highlighted with a request for board members to reach out for potential representatives.

12. Next Meeting

AGM – Friday April 24, 2026, 10:00am

Q2 – Friday May 22, 2026, 10:00am
The May Q2 board meeting is hybrid with location TBD – Ajax PL was offered. Confirmation will be provided by email.

13. Adjournment

Moved by Paul Ainslie and seconded by Wayne Greco THAT the meeting be adjourned. CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32.

Paul Ainslie, Chair	Dina Stevens, Board Secretary