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**EDMONTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD**

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

Stanley A. Milner Library

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**ATTENDANCE:**

**Board:** Shawna Vogel  
Rosalie Russnak  
Mansur Bitar  
Rebecca Bock-Freeman  
Dr. Joseph Doucet  
Tina Faiz (virtual attendee)  
Mark Hoosein  
Councillor Rutherford  
Chad Schulz

**Regrets:** Xueming Zhao

**Staff:** Pilar Martinez, Chief Executive Officer  
Sharon Day, Executive Director, Customer Experience  
Cody Tomanek, Chief Financial Officer  
Vicky Varga, Executive Director, Collections and Technology  
Corrina Chetley-Irwin, Executive Director, Employee Experience

**Recording Secretary:** Lisette Lalchan

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**1. CALL TO ORDER/CHAIR WELCOME, LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Board Chair, Shawna Vogel, called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. with a land acknowledgement that recognized the importance of Freedom to Read Week.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** That the Board accept the agenda as circulated.

Moved by Rebecca Bock-Freeman. Seconded by Dr. Joseph Doucet.

**CARRIED**

**3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

There were no conflicts of interest identified.

#### **4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** That the Board approve the November 13, 2025 meeting minutes.  
Moved by Rebecca Bock-Freeman. Seconded by Dr. Joseph Doucet.

**CARRIED**

#### **5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There were no outstanding items identified.

#### **6. CONSENT ITEMS**

- 6a) Chair Report
- 6b) January/February 2026 CEO Report
- 6c) Annual Report of Public Libraries for Public Libraries Services Branch, Alberta Municipal Affairs
- 6d) CEO Performance Evaluation and Compensation Committee Report
- 6e) Finance & Audit Committee Report
- 6f) Governance & Nomination Committee Report
- 6g) ALTA Report
- 6h) Friends of EPL Report

**MOTION:** That the Board receive all consent items with the exception of item 6g ALTA Report, as information.

Moved by Dr. Joseph Doucet. Seconded by Rosalie Russnak.

**CARRIED**

*Councillor Rutherford joined the meeting at 5:18 p.m.*

#### **7. NEW BUSINESS**

- 7a) ALTA Report

Rosalie asked about financial statements referenced in the ALTA report and their long term viability. Mark will provide any new information as it becomes available.

- 7b) 2025 Year-end CEO Report, KPIs & Fund Development & 2025 Strategic & Business Plan Report – Presentation

Pilar provided an overview of the 2025 milestones and progress on the 2024-2026 Strategic and Business Plan, noting that EPL is well positioned to meet its strategic goals. She then responded to questions from the Board.

#### **8. NEW INQUIRIES**

There were no new inquiries.

#### **9. IN CAMERA**

**MOTION:** That the Board move IN CAMERA.

Moved by: Mansur Bitar. Seconded by Mark Hoosein.

**CARRIED**

*The Board moved IN CAMERA at 5:41 p.m. Corrina Chetley-Irwin, Sharon Day, Lisette Lalchan, Cody Tomanek and Vicky Varga left the meeting.*

- 9a) Board Feedback & Discussion
- 9b) CEO Recruitment Update

**MOTION:** That the Board move OUT OF CAMERA.  
Moved by: Dr. Joseph Doucet. Seconded by Rosalie Russnak.

**CARRIED**

*The Board moved OUT OF CAMERA at 5:49 p.m.*

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.