



St. Albert Public Library Board: Minutes September 17, 2025

Minutes of the regular meeting in the Library Training Room

BOARD

Meagan Dechaine

Jennifer Freitas

Angela Benowski

Darrell Manning

Jamie Tereposky

Sherry Love

REGRETS

Jason Perry

STAFF

Lisa Old, Acting CEO

Rhonda Kozuska – HR and Financial Services Manager (recorder)

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by J. Freitas at 7:00pm

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (S. Love)

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Add to New Business: Ministry meeting and 2026 Budget Presentation

(25-37) D. Manning moved amended agenda

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

(25-38) A. Benowski moved adoption of the minutes of June 18, 2025

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1. Minister meeting

- Oct 24th 4:30 meeting scheduled with Minister Nally
- S. Love will take the lead and will check with the Board at the October meeting for agenda items and talking points.

5.2. 2026 Budget:

- ME Green has started the presentation
- S. Foremsky is going to present alongside the Board
- M. Dechaine will be the board rep for the Budget Presentation
- R. Kozuska and L. Old will reach out to City their city contacts to inquire about budget specifics

6. COMMITTEES

6.1 Internal Committee (J. Freitas, S. Love, A. Benowski, D. Manning)

6.1.1 Policy Review Process

- September Distributed: Policy Review – Type III.1,2,3,4
- cursory review of the policies presented to date
- A. Benowski suggested that the internal committee should meet first. J. Freitas agreed to convene a meeting in October to review changes/amendments and will bring to the board at the October board meeting.

6.2 External Committee (M. Dechaine, J. Tereposky, J. Perry)

- There was no Friends meeting this month
- J. Tereposky attended Tea and Bannock, Councillor Killick was there, it was very well attended

7. BUSINESS ARISING

- Move October meeting to October 22nd – L. Old to check availability with staff to confirm
- Annual board meeting with council – Would be interested in ensuring this happens after the new council is elected

8. CONSENT

- Board very impressed with the SRG numbers
- Question about capacity on Collections team. A: Our move to third party Processing has alleviated the need for more staff at this time. In addition, new staff are currently identifying efficiencies in workflow.
- Question about potential teacher's strike. A: LT met about this and we are talking about it.
- Question about major expenditures referred to on budget memo. A: Recruitment and staffing changes.

9. IN CAMERA

9.1.1 Executive Recruitment update

(25-39) S. Love moved to go in camera

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Board meeting entered in camera at 7:32pm

(25-40) S. Love moved to out of in camera

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Board meeting left in camera at 8:43pm

10. ADJOURNMENT

(25-41) A. Benowski moved to adjourn

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

Date of next meeting: 7:00 pm Wednesday, October 22nd – 2nd Floor Training Room

These minutes are certified true and correct

Board Co-Chair

