



St. Albert Public Library Board: Minutes November 19, 2025

Minutes of the regular meeting in the Library Training Room

BOARD

Meagan Dechaine
Jennifer Freitas
Angela Benowski
Darrell Manning
Jamie Tereposky
Sherry Love
Jason Perry

STAFF

Alison Watson, Adult Services Coordinator
Mary Ellen Green, Communications and Marketing Specialist (recorder)

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to by J. Freitas AT 6:59 pm

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT (A. Benowski)

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

(25-50) J. Tereposky moved adoption of the agenda

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

(25-51) D. Manning moved adoption of the minutes of October 22, 2025

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. NEW BUSINESS

Review Board Member Terms:

-J. Freitas awaiting an interview. Email hasn't been received. Name is on the list will be in touch when she hears back. Interview could be November 29.

Committees:

-S. Love away in January. Action: To move decision about Committees to February from January Board meeting. J. Freitas suggests waiting until Feb for new CEO. Keep as is for now.

Pairings:

BOARD – COUNCIL PAIRINGS AS OF OCTOBER 22, 2025:

Jennifer Freitas	Mayor Scott Olivieri
Meagan Dechaine	Amanda Patrick
Jamie Tereposky	Neil Korotash
Sherry Love	Sheena Hughes
Angela Benowski	Shelley Biermanski
Jason Perry	Ken MacKay
Darrell Manning	Sandy Clark
CEO (Acting) Lisa Old	CAO Bill Fletcher

Staff: Will follow up with Board re Informal meeting with council in the new year

6. COMMITTEES

6.1 Internal Committee

6.1.1 Policy Type III. 4: Library Trustees' Code of Conduct

(25-52) D Manning moved to accept the Carver policy as amended

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Discussed the need for a fulsome review of language for consistency and clarity in 2026.
EX: the CEO will provide a report/ a delegate will provide a report.

6.2. External Committee

6.2.1 Friends of the Library report: No Friends meeting in November. Jamie attended the Friends Film Friday. It was almost sold out. They are filling holes in the executive.

6.2.2. External Committee Report: No motion required

- D. Manning mentioned at the Trustee Training he recently attended they suggested the term Library Board Trustees is antiquated. Suggested Board of Directors. D. Manning will follow up with the trainer from PLSB.
- Board Thank You from the city event is on December 9th. M. Dechaine and S. Love attended last year.

7. BUSINESS ARISING

7.2. 2026 Budget Recap

- J. Freitas expressed her thanks for hard work on budget presentation.
- Q: Are Magnate Partnership changes and Forsyth Sound System included in the 2026 budget? A: No.
- Forsyth Sound System- Working on quotes. Temporary system is working well for now.

8. CONSENT

Cyber security training- very positive.

Uke it Up: Two letters sent to board from patrons concerned about cancelation of the program.

Q: Is this something the Friends can fund?

A: A. Watson- No - significant barriers to access. Need instrument, stand. Need to play, not a learn to play program.

- Well attended? 15-25 monthly.
- We can CC the board on the letter.

9. ADJOURNMENT

(25-53) A Benowski moved to adjourn

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM

Date of next meeting: 7:00 pm Wednesday, December 17th - 2ND Floor Training Room

These minutes are certified true and correct

Board Chair