



BPL Board Minutes

Minutes of a regular meeting held May 15, 2025 at 6:02pm at the Community Room, McGill Branch.

Attendance

Board: Anna Lu (Chair)
Sarah Bartnik
Gene Blishen
Raj Hundal
Shiraz Ramji
Mandy Yang

Staff: Beth Davies (Secretary)
Franca DeLuca
Emily Guerrero
Julia Lau
Jessica Lee
Trish Mau
Heidi Schiller

Guests: None

Regrets: Hakam Bhaloo
Maita Santiago

We respectfully acknowledge that Burnaby Public Library is located on the unceded territories of the [xʷməθkʷəy̓əm \(Musqueam\)](#), [Skwxwú7mesh \(Squamish\)](#), [səlilwətaʔ \(Tsleil-Waututh\)](#), and [kʷɪkwəʔləm \(Kwikwetlem\)](#) Peoples. Each Nation has distinct histories and distinct traditional territories that fully or partially encompass the city of Burnaby.

We encourage you to learn more about the Host Nations whose ancestors have occupied and used these lands, including parts of present-day Burnaby, for thousands of years.

Mandy Yang began the meeting at 6:02pm in absence of the Chair.

1. Agenda

That the agenda be received as circulated.

Moved by Sarah Bartnik
Seconded by Shiraz Ramji
Carried.

2. Minutes

That the minutes of the regular meeting held April 17, 2025 be adopted as circulated.

Moved by Gene Blishen
Seconded by Sarah Bartnik
Carried.

3. Picard Trust Recipients

Trustees welcomed and congratulated the Picard Trust Award recipients, Bryn Shaffer and JJ Watson-MacKay.

Anna Lu arrived at the meeting at 6:07pm and assumed the role of the Meeting Chair.

4. Tour of McGill Branch Renovations

The McGill and Cameron branch managers gave trustees a tour of the McGill branch, showcasing the new automated materials handling machine and recent renovations.

5. Reports

5.1 Board Chair

The Board Chair shared that Trustees will be attending the City Appreciation Dinner. She also reported that the 2024 Annual Report will be presented to City Council on June 10, and that trustees are welcome to attend.

5.2 Council Liaison

Council Liaison sent regrets for this meeting.

5.3 InterLINK Representative

InterLINK Representative, Gene Blishen, reported that the annual report and Statement of Financial Information was presented at the last InterLINK board meeting. There was also discussion on the strategic plan and on a project to examine the InterLINK governance model.

6. Items for Information

6.1 Board Technology

The Director, Collections and Technology, shared that Trustees will be provided with standard City of Burnaby issued Wi-Fi enabled tablets, BPL email addresses, and software to access board related documents in a secure environment. Deployment and training will take place in July.

7. Other Business

No other business.

8. Adjournment

8.1 **That** the regular meeting adjourn and that the Board resolve itself into an incamera meeting from which the public is excluded to consider a patron complaint, financial matters, and bargaining updates.

Moved by Sarah Bartnik
Seconded by Raj Hundal
Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:53pm.

Anna Lu (Meeting Chair)

Beth Davies (Secretary)