

BPL Board Minutes

Minutes of a regular meeting held July 16, 2026, at 6:01pm in the Boardroom, Bob Prittie
Metrotown branch, 6100 Willingdon Ave, Burnaby, BC, V5H 4N5.

Attendance

Board: Anna Lu (Chair)
Sarah Bartnik
Katrina Chen
Paul Nixey
Shiraz Ramji
Maita Santiago (arrived at 6:19)
Mandy Yang

Staff: Jackie Flowers (Secretary)
Franca DeLuca
Lorraine Crema
Christel Johnson
Jennifer Lee
Trish Mau
Jamie McCarthy
Heidi Schiller

Regrets: Hakam Bhaloo
Raj Hundal

We respectfully acknowledge that Burnaby Public Library is located on the unceded territories of the [xʷməθkʷəy̓əm \(Musqueam\)](#), [Skwxwú7mesh \(Squamish\)](#), [səlilwətaʔ \(Tsleil-Waututh\)](#), and [kʷikwəłəm \(Kwikwetlem\)](#) 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.

1. Agenda

That the agenda be received as presented.

Moved by Mandy Yang
Seconded by Katrina Chen
Carried.

2. Minutes

That the minutes of the regular meeting held May 21, 2026, be adopted as circulated.

Moved by Sarah Bartnik
Seconded by Mandy Yang
Carried.

3. Presentation

3.1 Adult Programming

The Adult Public Service Coordinator delivered a presentation about the portfolios covered by the Adult Public Service Librarians which include Community Connection, Digital Literacy, Lifelong Learning, and Reader's Advisory. The Librarians design and deliver programs and services that help patrons achieve learning goals, make social connections, and access information and resources.

Some highlights from the Adult Public Service programming team includes the Misinformation Series, Civic Engagement Series, and Smart Phone Tips and Tricks. Some upcoming programs include more programs and services in other languages, social connections programs, and digital studio programs.

Maita Santiago arrived at 6:19pm.

The Trustees asked questions about connecting with community partners and community room bookings.

Jamie McCarthy and Lorraine Crema left the meeting at 6:33pm.

4. Reports

4.1 Board Chair

No updates at this time.

4.2 Council Liaison

The Council Liaison shared changes to how community amenities are funded.

4.3 InterLINK Representative

No updates at this time. There has not been an InterLINK meeting since the last Library Board meeting.

5. Items for Decision

5.1 Proposed Policy Changes (A1, A2, A3)

The Chief Librarian Shared the proposed changes to the Board Policies A1, A2, and A3. Reviews of the policies occur every 5 years.

That the Board approve changes to Policy Authority and Maintenance (A1).

Moved by Paul Nixey
Seconded by Katrina Chen
Carried.

That the Board approve changes to Burnaby Public Library Board (A2).

Moved by Mandy Yang
Seconded by Katrina Chen
Carried.

The Trustees discussed clarifying the wording regarding trustee terms and whether The Planning and Advocacy Committee should be considered a standing committee.

That the Board defer the proposed changes to Board Roles and Operations (A3) to the next meeting.

Moved by Paul Nixey
Seconded by Katrina Chen

Carried.

5.2 New Years Eve early closure

That the Board close library branches early at 5pm on New Year's Eve indefinitely.

Moved by Sarah Bartnik
Seconded by Katrina Chen

Carried.

6. Items for Information

6.1 Quarterly Report Q2

The Chief Librarian shared highlights from the Q2 report, including an increased use of digital collections and community rooms, and the completion of the courtesy phone project. She also gave thanks to staff for their work on the excellent programs offered this last quarter.

A question was asked about the decrease of new members compared to Q2 2025. The Director, Public Service explained that BPL had a significant increase of new members when the Cameron Branch relocated to the City of Lougheed mall. New members have now leveled out.

A question was asked about how BPL's decrease in collection use compares to other libraries and if libraries regularly share statistics. The Chief Librarian replied that libraries do connect and share data. She added that while we might see a decrease of collection use quarter to quarter, annually BPL has an above average use comparatively to other libraries in the country.

That the Board receive this report for information.

Moved by Sarah Bartnik
Seconded by Katrina Chen

Carried.

7. Correspondence

7.1 Re: Burnaby Public Library 2025 Annual Report

The Board Chair shared thanks from City Council to library staff and the Board.

That the Board receive correspondence.

Moved by Katrina Chen
Seconded by Paul Nixey

Carried.

7.2 Re: Provincial Library Grant Award Letter

The Chief Librarian reported that the annual Provincial Grant BPL received this year was unexpectedly lower than the prior year. This creates a shortfall of nearly \$40,000 in the budget.

Trustees discussed advocacy options with the Province.

That the Board receive correspondence.

Moved by Sarah Bartnik
Seconded by Mandy Yang
Carried

8. Other Business

No other business to report.

9. Adjournment

- 9.1 **That** the regular meeting adjourn and that the Board resolve itself into an in camera meeting from which the public is excluded to consider patron bans and financial information.

Moved by Sarah Bartnik
Seconded by Mandy Yang
Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:27pm.

Anna Lu (Meeting Chair)

Jackie Flowers (Secretary)