Burnaby Public Library

BPL Board Minutes

Minutes of a regular meeting held September 17, 2026, at 6:06pm in Room 113, Temporary Cameron Branch, 110-9855 Austin Ave, Burnaby, BC V3J 1N4.

Attendance

Board: Anna Lu (Chair)
Sarah Bartnik
Katrina Chen
Raj Hundal
Paul Nixey
Shiraz Ramji
Maita Santiago
Mandy Yang

Staff: Jackie Flowers (Secretary)
Desiree Baron
Franca DeLuca
Christel Johnson
Jessica Lee
Trish Mau

Regrets: Hakam Bhaloo

We respectfully acknowledge that Burnaby Public Library is located on the unceded territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), səlilwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh), and kʷikʷəƛ̓əm (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 amended to include item 5.2 – Strategic Plan 2028-2031.
Moved by Paul Nixey
Seconded by Mandy Yang
Carried

2. Minutes
That the minutes of the regular meeting held July 16, 2026, be adopted as circulated.
Moved by Raj Hundal
Seconded by Katrina Chen

Carried.

3. Presentation

3.1 New Cameron

The Chief Librarian and Cameron Branch Manager shared an update on the design of the new Cameron branch. The presentation compared the former, temporary, and new library spaces, highlighting changes in size, layout, and amenities. New features will include a dedicated storytelling room, Maker Space, and automated materials handling system.

The presentation also highlighted how community needs, flexibility, and adaptability have informed the design, helping to ensure the new branch can respond to changing needs and patterns of library use to extend the life of the building. Trustees discussed several aspects of the project, including design considerations, accessibility, and budget.

4. Reports

4.1 Board Chair

The Board Chair Anna Lu thanked the board members who attended the Summer Reading Club Wrap Up Party and thanked staff for their effort in making it a successful event.

4.2 Council Liaison

The Councillor Liaison Maita Santiago shared that the City will be piloting an accessible ballot marking machine at the Edmonds Community Centre during the upcoming municipal election. She added that anyone may request a mail in ballot.

4.3 InterLINK Representative

The InterLINK Representative Sarah Bartnik reported that there has not been an InterLINK meeting since the previous board meeting. She also shared that InterLINK has plans to purchase a new delivery truck and is keeping tariffs in mind to reduce costs.

5. Items for Decision

5.1 Proposed Policy Changes (A3, A4, A5, C4)

The Chief Librarian shared the amended changes to A3 that were discussed at the previous board meeting regarding the maximum number of consecutive years a Board Trustee can remain on the Board. Trustees discussed the procedural role of the Chair to determine who has the floor to speak at a Board meeting. The Chief Librarian will review this point and bring the policy back to the next board meeting.

Trustees discussed the proposed five-minute time limit for delegations and whether it provides sufficient opportunity to address the Board. The Chief Librarian noted that the time limit aligns with City policy. Trustees agreed that five minutes is appropriate, with additional time available to respond to questions from Trustees.

That the Board defer the proposed changes to A3 to the next board meeting.

Moved by Katrina Chen
Seconded by Paul Nixey
Carried.

That the Board approve the proposed changes to A4.

Moved by Sarah Bartnik
Seconded by Shiraz Ramji

Carried

That the Board approve the proposed changes to A5.

Moved by Katrina Chen
Seconded by Raj Hundal
Carried

That the Board approve the proposed changes to C4.

Moved by Raj Hundal
Seconded by Paul Nixey
Carried

5.2 Strategic Plan 2028-2031
This item was missed and will be revisited at the October regular Board meeting.

6. Correspondence
   6.1 Re: InterLINK Compensation
   The Chief Librarian shared that the InterLINK compensation cheque was above the amount budgeted for the current year.

   That the Board receive correspondence.

   Moved by Raj Hundal
   Seconded by Katrina Chen
   Carried.

   6.2 Re: Provincial Grant Supplemental Award
   The Chief Librarian noted that the supplemental grant restores the Library's funding to the amount originally anticipated in the budget.

   That the Board receive correspondence.

   Moved by Raj Hundal
   Seconded by Mandy Yang
   Carried.

7. Other Business
   Trustee Anna Lu shared that the Burnaby Board of Trade will be hosting the Small Business Week Kick-Off event in the Digital Studio at the Bob Prittie Metrotown branch on October 19, 2026. This event will showcase the Digital Studio and what services are available to support small businesses.

8. Adjournment
   8.1 ***That*** the regular meeting adjourn and that the Board resolve itself into an in camera meeting from which the public is excluded to consider financial information.

   Moved by Maita Santiago
   Seconded by Shiraz Ramji
   Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 07:30pm.

Anna Lu (Meeting Chair)

Jackie Flowers (Secretary)