



## Ottawa Public Library Board

### Minutes

**Meeting #:** 37  
**Date:** October 4, 2022  
**Time:** 5 pm  
**Location:** Electronic Participation

**Present:** Chair Matthew Luloff, Vice-Chair Kathy Fisher, Trustee Steven Begg, Trustee Riley Brockington, Trustee Mary-Rose Brown, Trustee Allan Higdon, Trustee Rawlson King, Trustee Harvey A. Slack, Trustee Catherine Kitts

Trustee Brockington arrived at 5:04 pm due to connectivity issues and left the meeting at 5:50 pm.

Trustee Slack left the meeting at 5:52 pm

#### 1. Notices and Special meeting information for meeting participants and the public

Notices and meeting information are attached to the agenda and minutes, including: availability of simultaneous interpretation and accessibility accommodations; *in camera* meeting procedures; information items not subject to discussion; personal information disclaimer for correspondents and public speakers; notices regarding minutes; and remote participation details.

**This draft Minutes document contains a summary of the disposition of items and actions taken at the meeting. This document does not include all of the text that will be included in the final Minutes, such as the record of written and oral submissions. Recorded votes and dissents contained in this draft Minutes document are draft until the Minutes of the meeting are confirmed by the Board. The final draft Minutes will be published with the**

**agenda for the next regular Board meeting and, once confirmed, will replace this document.**

2. Recognition of Anishinābe Algonquin Territory

Chair Luloff welcomed members and attendees to the Ottawa Public Library Board Special meeting and delivered the Indigenous land acknowledgement statement.

3. Roll Call

The Chair proceeded with roll call by voice in random order.

4. Regrets

There were no regrets.

5. Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interest were filed.

6. Confirmation of Minutes

There are no Minutes to confirm.

7. In Camera Items

**MOTION OPL 20221004/1**

**That the Ottawa Public Library Board move in camera in accordance with section 16.1 (4)(b) of the *Public Libraries Act*, Personal Matters about an identifiable individual, to receive the results from the recruitment process regarding the Chief Executive Officer position.**

Results: Carried

Upon resuming in open session at 5:52 p.m., the Board moved the following:

**MOTION OPL 20221004/2**

Moved by Vice-Chair Fisher:

**WHEREAS it is the responsibility of the Board under the *Public Libraries Act* Section 15 (2) to appoint a CEO; and,**

**WHEREAS the current CEO has previously provided notice to the Board of her retirement;**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ottawa Public Library Board appoint Sonia Bebbington as the new Chief Executive Officer of Ottawa Public Library, effective October 31, 2022; and,**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Ottawa Public Library Board delegate to the Chair the authority to finalize and execute the contract.**

Results: Carried

The Chair said the Board is pleased to have Ms. Bebbington join OPL later this month. He and Vice-Chair Fisher will ensure that there are opportunities for the incoming Chief Executive Officer to meet with media once she assumes her new role.

8. Adjournment

**MOTION OPL 20221004/3**

**Be It Resolved that the Ottawa Public Library Board meeting be adjourned at 5:55 p.m.**

9. Next Meeting

Tuesday, 11 October 2022

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Original signed by Matthew Luloff,  
Chair

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Danielle McDonald, Recording  
Secretary