

RMWB Library Board Meeting Minutes

DATE: April 22, 2026

TIME: 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

LOCATION: Online via Teams

ATTENDANCE: Board: Pratik Tripathi, Chair; Gloria Abada, Vice Chair; Julia. Bennett; Lou Ann Demers
Noble Heather Dolhanty; Ashlee Figiel; Ijeoma Uche-Ezeala
Staff: Melissa Flett

REGRETS: Melissa LaRose-Wark, Don Scott

ABSENT:

1. Pre-Meeting Session

The meeting began with a Board Basics Workshop, presented by Ken Allan, Public Library Services Branch Consultant.

2. Adoption of Agenda

P. Tripathi called the meeting to order at 7:19 pm.

We respectfully acknowledge that Wood Buffalo Regional Library is situated on Treaty 8 Territory, the traditional lands of the Cree, Dene, and the unceded territory of the Métis.

a. Consent Agenda

- March 25, 2026 Library Board Meeting Minutes
- Letter from the Minister – April 2, 2026

**Motion to adopt the agenda made by J. Bennett /Seconded by G. Abada.
Carried.**

b. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No conflict of interest was declared.

3. New Business

- #### a. Quarter 2 Financial Statement Presentation for Information
- M. Flett presented the financial statements for the first quarter.

**Motion: That the financial statements for the period ended March 31, 2026 be accepted as information made by J. Bennett /Seconded by I. Uche-Ezeala
Carried.**

b. Space Design Update: Special Meeting, Tentative March 5, 2026

M. Flett requested a Special Meeting to review the recommended winning bid for the library renovation project. The submission deadline was extended to May 9 at 4:00 p.m. Following discussion, it was agreed that M. Flett would distribute a Doodle poll to schedule the meeting at a time between May 9 and May 10.

c. Bill 28 Update and Discussion

M. Flett provided an update on the engagement session regarding legislative changes held on April 20, 2026. The Board discussed the impacts of Bill 28 on WBRL, and M. Flett advised that she had submitted a request to local MLAs for a meeting.

Prior to adjournment, the Board discussed adding a Roundtable item to the agenda to provide members with an opportunity to raise questions and discuss items not otherwise included. M. Flett indicated that this item would be added to future meeting agendas.

4. Adjournment

a. Next regular meeting scheduled for May 27, 2026

Meeting was adjourned at 8: 15 p.m.