

## RMWB Library Board Meeting Minutes

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**DATE:** *May 8, 2026*

**TIME:** *6:00 pm to 7:00 pm*

**LOCATION:** *Online via Teams*

**ATTENDANCE:** *Board: Pratik Tripathi, Chair; Gloria Abada, Vice Chair; Julia. Bennett; Heather Dolhanty; Melissa LaRose-Wark  
Staff: Melissa Flett*

**REGRETS:** *Don Scott, Ashlee Figiel; Ijeoma Uche-Ezeala, Lou Ann Demers Noble*

**ABSENT:**

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### 1. Treaty 8 Opening

P. Tripathi called the meeting to order at 6:02 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. Adoption of Agenda

**Motion to adopt the agenda made by G. Abada/Seconded by M. LaRose-Wark Carried.**

- b. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No conflict of interest was declared.

### 2. New Business

- a. Closed Session, Access to Information Sections 19 and 29

**Motion: That the Board move into Closed Session pursuant to the Access to Information Act, Sections 19 (harm to business interests of a third party) and 29 (advice from officials), to discuss procurement matters made by H. Dolhanty/Seconded by M. LaRose-Wark.**

The Board moved to closed session at 6:04 pm.

**Carried.**

The Board returned to open session at 6:35.

**Motion: That the That the Board authorize the Library Director to approve the winning bid for the WBRL Space Renovation Project in the amount of \$550,663.25, subject to**

**satisfactory review by the Procurement Committee made by G. Abada/Seconded by M. LaRose-Wark.**

It was reported that, in Closed Session, the Executive Committee approved the purchase of flooring in advance of the meeting to meet the June 4 delivery deadline and align with construction timelines. The approved amount was within the scope of the approved renovation budget.

The Board discussed staff recognition and expressed appreciation for the hard work of library staff, noting positive feedback observed during recent school tours.

The Board further discussed having the Personnel Committee bring forward recommendations for staff recognition later in the year.

### **3. Adjournment**

Next regular meeting scheduled for May 27, 2026

Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.