



Halifax Regional Library Board  
Meeting Minutes  
March 21, 2024  
Keshen Goodman Public Library

**Present**

Marika Warren  
Chi Harris  
Christian Browne  
Tony Mancini  
Kathryn Morse

**Regrets**

Ayo Aladejebi  
Sue Murtagh

**1.0 Call to Order**

Marika Warren called the meeting to order.

**1.1 Agenda**

Kim Brooks put forward a motion to approve the agenda as circulated. This motion was seconded by Christian Browne.

*Motion approved.*

**1.2 Minutes – CH/KM**

Chi Harris put forward a motion to approve the minutes as circulated. This motion was seconded by Kathryn Morse.

*Motion approved.*

Marika Warren shared that the recent Board Award Bookmark winner for the top age group had their celebration party at Tantallon Library this past weekend. The winner was lovely and the family and branch participants enjoyed the event and the recognition

The provincial appointments still remain unfilled. The Board will need to consider a term vice-chair role for a short period of time depending on timing of the Annual Meeting.

There was interest in a possible spring tour of Eastern Shore district – more to come.

**3.0 3.1 Board Executive**

The Board Executive did not meet between meetings of the board.

**3.2 Finance, Audit & Risk**

The current financials were included in the meeting package. Manager of Finance Shannon Robilliard assured the Board that the draft financials and budget remains stable with no concerns coming into end-of-year projections.

The Library received notice from the province that all public libraries will be receiving bridge funding in absence of the funding formula being adjusted. We are applying for extra funds to support food distribution.

Marika Warren put forward a motion to accept the statements as circulated. This motion was seconded by Tony Mancini.

*Motion approved.*

**3.3 Planning & Performance**

**Naming Policy**

Chi Harris of the Planning & Performance Committee spoke to the Naming Policy that was included in the meeting package for review and decision.

This policy indicates a desire to move away from honourific names and looking to the natural environment to provide inspiration for the names of capital assets and program rooms, etc. This draft policy is how the Library will look to reflect this shift. Some spaces have time-length agreements, such as the BMO room at Central.

Chi Harris put forward the following motion:

THAT the draft Naming Policy as circulated in the meeting package be approved and implemented.

This motion was seconded by Kathryn Morse.

*Motion approved.*

The Planning & Performance Committee will be examining board evaluation process at a future meeting.

Tony Mancini put forward a motion for the Library Board to move into an in camera session. This motion was seconded by Christian Browne.

*Motion approved.*

Meeting adjourned.