



**Halifax Regional Library Board Meeting**  
**Thursday, June 6, 2024**  
Halifax Central Library - Boardroom

**Present**

Marika Warren  
Ayo Aladejebi  
Tony Mancini  
Kathryn Morse  
Sue Murtagh  
Christian Browne  
Chi Harris

Åsa Kachan  
Alison Lucio  
Mairead Barry  
Dave MacNeil  
Cathy Maddigan  
Megan Gainer

**Call to Order**

**1.0 Agenda**

Marika Warren called the meeting to order. Sue Murtagh put forward a motion to approve the agenda as circulated. This motion was seconded by Christian Browne.  
*Motion approved.*

**Minutes**

Christian Browne put forward a motion to approve the minutes as circulated. This motion was seconded by Sue Murtagh.  
*Motion approved.*

**2.0 Chair's Report**

The Board Chair reported that the Library has not received any updates regarding the provincial board appointments.

**EDUCATION SESSION**

**5.3.3 Strategic Planning Update**

Mairead Barry, Director of Strategic Planning provided an update to the Library Board regarding the Strategic Plan development underway.

Highlights included:

- There is a sense of polarization in the community – across the globe
- There remains significant tension in how the community believes the Library space can be ‘best used’
- Sense that the Library provides joy and connection
- Physical locations of branches are important to consider moving forward
- Intellectual Freedom remains important, although there also seems to be a sense of uncertainty about the future, and the future of libraries as public libraries hold a unique position to help alleviate and address community challenges and issues

The Board provided support for the work done to date and looks forward to future updates as the Strategic Plan continues to be developed.

*(agenda mis-numbered, 3.0 & 4.0 did not exist)*

## **5.0 Board Committee Reports**

### **5.1 Board Executive**

The Board Executive did not meet between meetings.

### **5.2 Finance Audit & Risk**

The Finance & Audit Committee met to discuss the May financials and had no concerns. The Board and Finance Committee congratulated Shannon Robilliard and her finance team for a job well done.

With Marika Warren, Acting Chair of the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee leaving the country to participate in her sabbatical, Kim Brooks, past Chair, will be the incoming Acting Committee Chair for the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee.

### **5.3 Planning & Performance**

#### **5.3.1 Collection Development Policy**

The draft policy was reviewed over the past months by the Planning and Performance Committee. The Committee thanked Dave MacNeil, Erin Morse, and Alison Lucio for their assistance in moving the policy forward.

Dave MacNeil and Erin Morse provided an overview of the draft Collection Development policy. Language of the policy has shifted to more accessible, plain-language-based content.

At this time, Ayo Aladejebi put forward a motion THAT the Halifax Regional Library Board approve the Collections Development Policy as circulated. This motion was seconded by Christian Browne.

*Motion approved.*

### **5.3.2 Request for Review**

The Library Board discussed the Request for Review process and related form that is currently under development. Dave MacNeil and Erin Morse thanked the Board for the input and feedback; the Request for Review will return to the full Board at a later future date.

### **5.4 Board Awards Committee**

Chi Harris, Chair of the Board Awards Committee put out a call for Committee members, Sue Murtagh and Christian Browne put their names forward to serve on the Committee.

### **In-Camera Session**

At this time, Christian Browne put forward a motion to move to an in-camera session. This motion was seconded by Tony Mancini.

*Motion approved.*

### **6.0 CEO Update**

### **7.0 Board Chair Update**

### **8.0 Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, Christian Browne put forward a motion to adjourn. This motion was seconded by Tony Mancini.

Meeting adjourned.