

**RPL BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
January 27, 2026
Central Library Boardroom and Teams Videoconference**

MINUTES

In Attendance:

M. Gavigan, Chair
C. Romanow, Vice Chair
Mayor C. Bachynski
M. Redenbach
D. Lemieux
L. Deets
D. Hunter
J. Barber, Secretary

Also in Attendance:

C. Smith, ED, Finance & Strategy
N. MacKenzie, ED, Customer Experience
A. Christensen, ED, Central Library
K. Hintz, ED, Branch Libraries
K. Scheurwater, Dir., Development
C. Hawkesford, Dir., Marketing & Communications
A. Yau, Mgr., Planning & Research
H. Sackville, EA (mins)

Regrets:

J. Oni
Councillor D. Froh

1. CALL TO ORDER

M. Gavigan called the meeting to order at 4:36pm.

She began by acknowledging the land on which the Board gathers as Treaty 4 Territory, the traditional lands of the Cree, Dakota, Nakota, Lakota, Saulteaux and the homeland of the Métis Nation.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

C. Romanow moved that the Board adopt the agenda. CARRIED.

3. CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair welcomed Provincial Librarian Alison Hopkins and introduced all board members and members of library administration present.

4. CONFLICT OF INTERESTS DECLARATION

No conflict of interests were declared.

5. 2025 YEAR IN REVIEW

M. Gavigan explained progress on major projects and initiatives for RPL in 2025.

The Request for Qualifications for the shell facility of a renewed Central Library is complete. RPL has opened its new Operations Centre, which houses the Collections Acquisitions and Technical Services team and the Finance team, and will soon be home to new automated materials handling technology.

Part of Central Library's collection has been relocated to the Operations Centre to free up space for changes in layout, shelving, and new use of areas like the former Prairie History Room. The Prairie History collection is being refreshed and transitioned into a more visible location with new materials added to better represent Treaty 4 history.

Events in 2025 included the first Locked Library game and speakers Randy Boyagoda, Mattea Roach, and Beverley McLachlin.

A new Strategy Map was developed to span 2026 to 2028, and this plan includes progressing the Service Points Master Plan, leveraging the Canadian Urban Libraries Council Social Impact Study and Report, renewing commitment to providing relevant and responsive services to customers, and enhancing the effectiveness of Board governance.

The Board said goodbye to three board members: Kristi Yee, Cheryl Zankl and Cindy Kobayashi. Three new members have been appointed: Danae Lemieux, Darren Hunter, and Lori Deets.

M. Gavigan lastly thanked RPL staff on behalf of the Board, and expressed her respect and appreciation for their work in keeping the doors open, lights on, and customers satisfied.

D. Lemieux moved to receive and file the 2025 Year in Review. CARRIED.

6. ELECTIONS

- a. Chair
- b. Vice Chair

M. Gavigan turned the meeting over to J. Barber to conduct elections.

Three calls for nominations were made for the office of Chair. At the first call, M. Redenbach nominated Marj Gavigan who accepted the nomination.

Marj Gavigan was acclaimed Chair of the Regina Public Library Board of Directors for 2026.

Three calls for nominations were made for the office of Vice Chair. At the first call, C. Romanow nominated Michael Redenbach who accepted the nomination.

Michael Redenbach was acclaimed Vice Chair of the Regina Public Library Board of Directors for 2026.

J. Barber returned the meeting to M. Gavigan.

7. ADJOURNMENT

M. Gavigan moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:47pm. CARRIED.



Chair



Secretary