



Midland Public Library

Board Meeting
Thursday, March 19, 2026
at 6:00 pm

Present I. Ayres (via Zoom), B. Desroches, D. Dickinson (via Zoom), M. Gray, B. Kettle (via Zoom), C. MacDonald, V. Patel, K. Weishar
Regrets None
Staff T. Hayes, K. Burrell

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:06 pm by Board Chair K. Weishar

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

None

3. Approval of the Agenda

Approval of the March 20, Board Meeting Agenda

Moved By: V. Patel

Seconded by: M. Gray

Carried

4. Approval of February 19, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

Moved by: B. Desroches

Seconded by: B. Kettle

Carried

5. Correspondence

None

6. CEO Report and Security Update

- CEO T. Hayes provided an update to the Board which was circulated prior to the meeting.
- Security incidents in the library are still trending down. Staff are reminded to report the same way.
- A social media reel for the read-a-thon has gained a lot of popularity due to notable figures in our community being in it.
- The Community Navigation Worker is no longer with CFSSC. They will be doing interviews next week and hope to have a replacement in three to four weeks.
- Midland Pride held Safer Spaces training for community at the library – it was very well attended.
- MP Chambers reached out to verify our need for a summer student.

7. Stats

- Circulation is down, this may be related to poor weather in January and February.
- Children's program attendance is down but teen and adult attendance are up. Staff are working to ensure the number remain strong in the children's area.
- L. Essex is doing more outreach at play cafes and daycares.

8. Report of Board Committees

• Assessment and Development

- The MOU has been sent back to the Town of Midland.
- Will be looking at the frequency of meetings and changing them to quarterly.

• Finance

- Currently there is not a lot of information on YTD financials
- A \$10k donation from last year as well as a \$10k cheque from Library Services Centre has been moved to this year in order to offset pay increases.
- 2025 financials looking good so far. We believe the Town of Midland has paid all invoices from last year.
- The \$73k expansion debt has not been taken from last year yet.

• Policy

The following policy was circulated prior to the meeting:

- BL – 02 – Composition of the Board

Motion to table the changes to policy BL – 02 – Composition of the Board

Moved by: K. Weishar

Seconded by: C. MacDonald

Carried

• Fundraising

- The read-a-thon is going well so far. Pledge forms and cash donations are due at the end of the month.
- The Love Your Library cookie sale raised \$144 and we were able to purchase a bird watching kit with the funds.
- The Silent Auction raised \$139.50.

9. Adjournment


Motion to adjourn the Midland Public Library Board meeting

Moved by: M. Gray

Meeting Adjourned at 6:49 pm

Signed: 

K. Weishar, Chair


T. Hayes, CEO

Date: May 21, 2026