



Minutes of the Regular Meeting March 25, 2026
*The County of Brant Public Library cultivates inclusivity
and empowers lifelong learning.*

Date: March 25, 2026

Place: Paris Branch

Present: John Bell, Paula Chorpitta (via Zoom), Susan Eddy (via Zoom), Nathan Etherington (via Zoom), Fred Gladding, Amanda Henderson, Steve Howes, Jennifer Kyle, Kari Raymer Bishop (via Zoom), Marilyn Sewell (via Zoom)

Staff: Kelly Bernstein, Steph Burchill

Call to Order: F. Gladding, in the Chair, called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: J. Kyle

Seconded by: S. Howes

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature of

None

Approval of the Minutes

Moved by: J. Bell

Seconded by: N. Etherington

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting February 25, 2026, the minutes of the In-Camera meeting February 25, 2026, the minutes of the Special meeting March 4, 2026, and the minutes of the In-Camera Meeting March 4, 2026, be approved as presented.

Carried

Business Arising

In response to a Board member question regarding the Library's pay structure in relation to the County, the CEO noted that the Library has a long-standing participation in the County's job evaluation plan, which includes pay structure. This is in keeping with the Library Board's personnel policy.

Consent Items to be Received – Communications

Moved by: A. Henderson

Seconded by: J. Kyle

THAT the March Safety Talk and JHSC Minutes: February 2026, be received as correspondence.

Carried

Library Board Development

Nil.

Submissions for Board Development

F. Gladding reminded Board Members that suggestions for Board Development are encouraged and should be submitted to the Chair or CEO for inclusion in the agenda.

Reports

February circulation results show an overall increase, with a notable growth in eMusic usage. Outreach efforts in Onondaga have led to a meaningful increase in usage. Online traffic and engagement performance is healthy.

The February Operating Statement reflects that spending to date is on track. Budget lines that are close to fully spent early in the year are usually due to annual contract and license costs that are paid in full in January. Maintenance costs at the Paris branch are currently high, reinforcing the timeliness of upcoming capital improvements approved in this year's budget.

Staff at the St. George Branch are reporting a significant increase in the number of tax payments processed. In February alone, approximately \$138,000 in tax revenue was collected.

The vacant Marketing & Communications Coordinator role has been filled; the new hire will begin in April.

The newly elected Ward 5 Councilor Ella Haley has been invited to tour the library with the Board Chair and CEO.

One Book One Brant featuring author Linwood Barclay, is nearly sold out, with over 200 tickets already reserved.

The Library has received a dividend of \$9,814 from the dissolution of the not-for-profit book wholesaler Library Service Centre, a long-term supplier to the Library. The Board requested that staff return next month with recommendations regarding the allocation of the funds.

P. Chorpitta reported updates on behalf of the Facility Committee.

Moved by: J. Bell
Seconded by: J. Kyle
THAT the reports be received as presented.

Carried

On behalf of the Planning Committee, K. Bernstein presented draft changes to policy "G3: By-Laws" for first reading and review.

Draft changes to policy "G6: Policy Development" were presented for approval.

Moved by: N. Etherington
Seconded by: K. Raymer Bishop
THAT G 6 Policy Development be approved as presented.

Carried

New Business

Nil.

In Camera Session

Moved by: K. Raymer Bishop
Seconded by: A. Henderson
THAT the Library Board convene in camera to discuss confidential matters: 16.1 (4):(c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the board.

On a motion by J. Bell and seconded by J. Kyle the Library Board rose from closed session and reconvened the regular meeting.

Carried

Next Meeting

April 22, 2026 Paris Branch

Adjournment

S. Howes moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:02pm.

Meeting adjourned.