



**THUNDER BAY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD  
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting**

**Held on Thursday, January 08, 2026  
MJLB Library**

C. McCraw, Chair  
J. Hudyma, Vice Chair

C. Grieve  
D. DeBenedet  
I. Dew  
K Fettes  
R. Antony  
T. Giertuga  
M. Zussino

R. Togman, CEO

We acknowledge that the City of Thunder Bay has been built on the traditional territory of Fort William First Nation, signatory to the Robinson Superior Treaty of 1850. We also recognize the contributions made to our community by the Métis people.

**1) CALL TO ORDER**

**Motion:** That the Regular Meeting of the Thunder Bay Public Library Board being held on January 08, 2026 now comes to order at 5:17 pm.

**2) ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

**Motion:** That the Board approve the agenda of Jan 8 as amended.

Moved/Seconded: T Giertuga, D Debenedet  
Carried

**3) DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None

**4) MINUTES**

**Motion:** That the Board accept the minutes of the December meeting.



Moved/Seconded: M Zussino, R Antony  
Carried

## 5) **CONSENT ITEMS – INFORMATION**

- a) Friends of the Library minutes

**Motion:** That the Board accept the December minutes of the Friends of TBPL.

Moved/Seconded: C Grieve, T Giertuga  
Carried

## 6) **DECISION ITEMS**

- a) 2026 Commercial Insurance Policy (ratification of Dec 18 e-vote)

**Motion:** That the Board ratify the e-vote decision to award the commercial insurance policy to Intact Insurance in the amount of \$62,370.

Moved/Seconded: D Debenedet, M Zussino  
Carried

## 7) **DISCUSSION/OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) Establishment of Board Handbook Ad-Hoc Committee
  - Volunteers: D Debenedet, C Grieve, I Dew
- b) Donor thank you call in February for Board Members
- c) OLA Board Membership

## 8) **CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION:** That the Board move into Closed Session at 5:30 pm.

Moved/Seconded: M Zussino, R Antony  
Carried

**MOTION:** That the Board moves out of Closed Session at 5:52pm.

Moved/Seconded: K Fettes, T Giertuga  
Carried

**MOTION:** That the Board approves the motions passed in Closed Session.



Moved/Seconded: K Fettes, T Giertuga  
Carried

#### **9) NEXT MEETING DATE**

February 12, 2026 - MJLB Library @ 5:15 p.m.

#### **10) ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting of the Thunder Bay Public Library Board being held on January 08, 2026 now adjourns at 5:55 p.m.