ATTENDANCE:

Board: Kenna Houncaren  
James Crossman  
Raman Deol  
Tina Faiz  
Janet Hancock  
Councillor Andrew Knack  
Sandra Marin  
Aaida Peerani  
Rosalie Russnak  
Chad Schulz  

Staff: Pilar Martinez, Chief Executive Officer  
Corrina Chetley-Irwin, Director, Human Resources  
Mike Lewis, Director, Human Resources  
Deborah Rhodes, Executive Director, Shared Services & CFO  
Tina Thomas, Executive Director, Customer Experience  

Guests: Holly Arnason, Associate Manager, Makerspace, Digital Initiatives  
Anna Alfonso, Director, Marketing, Communications & Fund Development  
Patti McIntosh, Chair, Friends of the Edmonton Public Library  
Liam Stone, Vice-Chair, Friends of the Edmonton Public Library  

Recording Secretary: Lisette Lalchan  

1. CALL TO ORDER/PRESENTATION

Board Chair, Kenna Houncaren, called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. She thanked trustees for their one-on-one meetings with her over the past few weeks. Based on the feedback received, Pilar will be scheduling presentations on topics of interest at upcoming board meetings. Kenna also reviewed the voting procedures and expectations with trustees.  

She then welcomed to the meeting guests Patti McIntosh and Liam Stone from the Friends of Edmonton Public Library (FEPL).
Pilar Martinez welcomed Holly Arnason, Associate Manager, Makerspace, Digital Initiatives, who presented the board with an update on virtual Makerspace services during EPL’s temporary closure.

Holly’s presentation was very well received by the Board, and several members shared their enthusiasm and appreciation for the innovative ways the library has been reaching customers despite the pandemic.

_Holly Arnason left the meeting at 5:32 pm. Anna Alfonso joined the meeting at 5:32 pm._

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

   **MOTION:** That the Board adopt the agenda as circulated.
   Moved by Kenna Houncaren. Seconded by Janet Hancock.

   **CARRIED**

3. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

   There were no conflicts of interest identified.

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

   **MOTION:** That the Board approve the May 11, 2021 meeting minutes as amended.
   Moved by Kenna Houncaren. Seconded by Aaida Peerani.

   **CARRIED**

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

   There were no outstanding items identified.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

   6a) Governance & Nomination Committee Meeting Report

   Committee Chair, James Crossman provided a brief overview of the committee’s activities. He thanked Kenna for chairing the May 25 meeting in his absence.

   Pilar Martinez then provided the Board with an overview of advocacy. She shared that advocacy is a sustained, planned activity to develop understanding and support over time. Effective advocacy relies on relationships and trust, so people we know and can influence are often the best sources. Pilar noted that EPL’s advocacy plan facilitates a range of comfort levels in approach from asking questions of candidates and attending mayoral and candidate forums, to displaying a lawn sign to talking with friends.

   Tina Thomas introduced the Advocacy Plan, highlighting objectives, and then Anna Alfonso presented the Municipal Election Strategy. Trustees were enthusiastic in
their support and offered to assist where possible. Pilar and Tina responded to questions.

Kenna shared that questions were raised during her one on one meetings with trustees regarding trustee participation in the upcoming municipal election. She will be sending guiding principles to trustees following the meeting. Ultimately, trustees need to keep in mind that EPL is agnostic to all candidates when engaging in the upcoming election. She asked that trustees refrain from political activity that may impair or be perceived to impair their ability to serve the interests of EPL.

6b) Friends of EPL Update

Patti McIntosh presented the board with an overview of the Friends of EPL. She shared the history, highlights of their Strategic Plan, fundraising activities and the MOU.

Anna, Patti and Liam left the meeting at 6:18 pm.

7. CONSENT ITEMS
   7a) CEO Report
   7b) ALTA Report

   **MOTION:** That all consent items be received as information. Moved by Kenna Houncaren. Seconded by Sandra Marin. **CARRIED**

   **MOTION:** That the meeting move *IN CAMERA*. Moved by Kenna Houncaren. Seconded by Raman Deol. **CARRIED**

   *The meeting moved in camera at 6:20 pm.*

   8a) Collective Bargaining

   Councillor Knack left the meeting at 6:26 pm.

   **MOTION:** That the meeting move *OUT OF CAMERA*. Moved by Kenna Houncaren. Seconded by James Crossman. **CARRIED**

   *The meeting moved out of camera at 6:28 pm.*

   **MOTION:** To rescind the Board’s May 11, 2021 motion regarding collective bargaining. Moved by Kenna Houncaren. Seconded by Tina Faiz. **CARRIED**

9. NEW INQUIRIES
There were no new inquiries.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm.