

Toronto Public Library Board

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board member qualifications

- Board governance and/or fiscal oversight experience with a public sector/non-profit/academic organization of the size and scale of TPL
- Passion for public library services and alignment with its values
- Technology and digital experience
- Ability to meet the time commitment for Board meetings and other events



some background

- service delivered in 100 branches & online
- operating budget: \$250 million gross (2024)
- capital budget: \$40 million gross (2024)
- 2400 staff
- busiest urban public library system globally



key roles & responsibilities

- Strategic planning, policy development
- Effective & efficient library system
- Annual operating/capital budget submissions & fiscal oversight
- As the employer, collective agreement ratification; safety & security of the workplace
- Protection of library core values
- Hiring and evaluating the City Librarian
- Legal accountability for library activities
- Advocacy for public library service

Priorities tied to the Strategic Plan

- support an inclusive economic recovery as part of the City's recovery and rebuild strategy
- advance equity in the city and workplace, supporting the shared outcomes of the City's equity strategies
- provide affordable, accessible and resilient digital supports as a public service for all
- implement strategies to ensure the safety and security of TPL staff and customers in welcoming and accessible public spaces

New Priorities

- development of a new strategic plan
- collective bargaining