

Ontario Public Library Guidelines Monitoring and Accreditation Council
Wednesday, July 9, 2025, 2:30–3:30pm – via Zoom

Present:

Caroline Goulding [Vice-Chair] (Small Lib–North)
Kelly Bernstein (AMPLO)
Cathy Fairbairn (Small Lib–South)
Feather Maracle (First Nations)

Catherina Moskau (Francophone)
Beth Rumble (ARUPLO)
Allison Pilon (OLS)

Regrets:

Elise C. Cole [Chair] (OLA: OPLA), Karen Milligan (CELUPL), Adam Haviaras (MTCG), Eric Guernsey (OLBA)

1. Call to Order

Caroline called the meeting to order at 2:31pm.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Allison added new item under “New Business.”

Motion 25-16 – Moved by Catherina, seconded by Feather, that the agenda be approved as amended. **CARRIED.**

3. Approval of the Minutes of June 11, 2025

Motion 25-17 – Moved by Beth, seconded by Kelly, that the minutes of the June 11, 2025, meeting be approved. **CARRIED.**

4. New Business

a. 2025 audits schedule and assignment of auditors

Allison will send an email to Council to ask for co-auditors for both Leeds & Thousand Islands Public Library and County of Brant Public Library.

If no auditors are available from Council, Allison will send an email to recently accredited library CEOs to see if any of them would like to be trained to be a co-auditor.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

a. Standing item: Update from Guidelines and Indigenous Matters sub-committee: Feather, Caroline and Kelly

The subcommittee did not meet in July so do not have any updates for Council as they are awaiting information from the July 9th meeting.

Caroline connected with Adam regarding **AODA training requirements** for library boards but did not have any information to share.

b. Discussion re 2026 edition

Started with section 9 – Planning for services and agreed that some of the planning might be operational versus governance so the placement might be incorrect. There was also discussion to have documents added for libraries of all sizes. Some of the guidelines are better suited to system versus branch specific requirements.

Notes have been added to the working copy to track any ideas and proposed changes to the guidelines for section 9 and 10. This work will continue at the August meeting but council is still welcome to add notes before we meet.

Beth will do some research into board level planning documents and update the group at the August 13 meeting.

6. Motion to Adjourn

Motion 25-18– Moved by Catherina that the meeting be adjourned at 3:30pm. **CARRIED.**

Next Meeting: August 13, 2025, 2-3:30pm EDT