

Edmonton Public Library Board (EPLB) - Appointment and Reappointment Recommendations

Members	Appointment Term
<u>Appointments (3)</u>	
Mansur Bitar	May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2025
Rebecca Bock-Freeman	May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2025
Shawna Vogel	May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2025
<u>Reappointments (2)</u>	
James Crossman	May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2025
Sandra Marin	May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2025

Here is a brief public introduction as provided by the appointees:

Mansur Bitar

Edmonton Public Library Board

Mansur Bitar, is a Professional Engineer, Project Management Professional, holds a Master of Business Administration and is the Director, Energy Services at EPCOR Utilities Inc. He has over 22 years in the field of engineering and public utility works, with a primary focus on construction, risk management, design and operations. Mansur has worked in a variety of capacities, with a proven track record of managing multidisciplinary teams in the successful delivery of various projects.

Mansur has a strong background in community engagement and has worked for many years in various volunteer capacities, such as leading the EPCOR United Way Campaign, as well as serving on the Boys & Girls Clubs Big Brothers Big Sisters (BGCBig) Board of Directors. As a parent of school-aged children, Mansur has a deep understanding of the importance of public libraries in our communities and the role they play in providing access to information, knowledge and learning opportunities for all members of the community. During his spare time, he enjoys cycling, skiing, running and spending time with his family.

Rebecca Bock-Freeman

Edmonton Public Library Board

With over ten years of experience advising executives in post-secondary and government sectors, Rebecca Bock-Freeman is a big picture thinker who can bring people together towards a shared vision.

Rebecca is the Manager of Academic Strategy at NorQuest College, Alberta's fastest growing comprehensive community college. In this role, Rebecca leads collaborative, cross-disciplinary teams to transform the educational experiences of nearly 20,000

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learners. Prior to this role, Rebecca spent seven years in a fast-paced, high-stakes environment, creating and executing communication and issue management strategies on public policy and priorities for the Government of Alberta and Government of Manitoba.

Rebecca brings an inextinguishable positivity to every situation that helps draw others in, garner support and push projects forward. She is passionate about improving the lives of all Edmontonians, building community, creating innovative ways to advance our city and enable lifelong learning.

Shawna Vogel

Edmonton Public Library Board

Shawna Vogel, King's Counsel, Institute of Corporate Directors, is a committed leader with extensive experience in strategy and oversight, governance and risk, having practiced business law and participated in and led boards for over 35 years. Shawna was born in and has lived and worked in Edmonton all of her life. She is a graduate of the University of Alberta with degrees from the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Law.

Shawna has experience as a director of numerous boards, including the Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation, the Institute of Corporate Directors Executive Committee (Edmonton), the Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation, Kids Up Front Foundation, the Legal Education Society of Alberta and the Edmonton Economic Development Corporation. She also served as the national Chair and a global Vice-Chair of the Boards of Directors of the law firm Dentons. Shawna received the Women In Law Leadership Award 2018 for leadership in the profession (in-house) and a Lexpert Zenith Award Celebrating Women in Law in 2017.