

Mount Laurel Library Association, Inc.
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Board Meeting
October 15, 2025

CALL TO ORDER:

6:05PM

FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION:

Provided by Ms. Sawyer

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW STATEMENT:

Ms. Sawyer stated that this meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of the meeting was provided by way of the Burlington County Times, the Courier Post, and the Mount Laurel Sun, and it was posted in the library and on its website.

ROLL CALL:

Chris Bleiholder - *Absent*
Noreen Duffey – *Present*
Denise Gamble – *Present - arrived at 6:10pm*
Roger Gibson – *Present*
Fozia Janjua – *Present*
Susan Rovi – *Present*
Fredda Sacharow – *Present*
Stephanie Sawyer – *Present*

ALSO PRESENT:

John Carleton, Esq.- Library Attorney
Becky Boydston- Library Director
Ashley Kacey- Library Administrative Assistant
Stacie Riker-McNulty - Assistant Director

APPROVAL of MINUTES:

Approval of September 17, 2025 minutes of meeting:

Motion to approve: Ms. Janjua

2nd: Ms. Rovi

All in favor

APPROVAL of the October 10, 2025 BILL LIST in the amended amount of \$61, 616.04 and the October 15, 2025 BILL LIST ADDENDUMS in the amounts of \$57,048.89 and \$17,305.35:

Motion to approve: Ms. Duffey

2nd: Ms. Janjua

Roll Call: 6 yes votes, 1 abstention

REPORT FROM LIBRARY STAFF:

Becky Boydston provided a link to the Trustee training session 'What You Need to Know About Libraries This Fall' held on 9/17/25. Ms. Rovi watched the webinar and highly recommended it. The Board needs to complete 5 more hours of training before the end of the year. Ms. Boydston reported that the Halloween themed Mount Laurel Food Truck Festival will be held on Sunday October 19th from 12-5pm. The library will be open, but Walt Whitman Ave will be closed, parking is available at 10000 and 15000 Midlantic Avenue. Ms. Boydston also reported that October is Fire Prevention Month. The Mount Laurel Fire Department is having a "Charge into Fire Safety – Lithium-Ion Batteries in your Home" themed coloring contest for students aged 5-13. The library has scheduled poster-making events, details can be found in the Events Calendar. Ms. Boydston reported the library is holding a mock election for students to vote on a mascot for the Library's Youth Services Department. The candidates are Penny the Pangolin, Mammal Party; Alex the Axolotl, Amphibian Party; and Laura the Lizard, Reptile Party. Voting will be held November 2, 2025, from 12-4pm. Ms. Boydston reported on the Mount Laurel Library's Halloween Costume Drive, all donated costumes collected will be distributed on October 25, 2025, at the Rancocas Woods Fall Festival. Ms. Boydston reported that for Election Day, November 4, 2025, the library will be open as a polling location but otherwise closed to the public. The library will have staff training from 9am to 4pm, including CPR and AED training by the Mount Laurel EMS. Ms. Boydston also reported that the Friends of the Library October book sale will be held Wednesday October 22nd through Saturday October 25th. Lastly, Ms. Boydston reported that the library received a bequest from a generous member of the library community.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:**2025-037 NATIONAL FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES WEEK**

Motion to Approve: Ms. Gamble

2nd: Ms. Rovi

Roll Call: 7 yes votes

On behalf of the Board, Ms. Sawyer would like to thank the Friends of the Library for their continued support and giving back to the library.

2025-038 CANCELLATION OF CHECKS**2025-039 SELL SURPLUS ON BETTER WORLD BOOKS****2025-040 SELL SURPLUS THROUGH FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY****2025-041 SELL SURPLUS THROUGH BGOVDEALS**

Motion to Approve: Ms. Duffey

2nd: Ms. Rovi

Roll Call: 7 yes votes

2025-042 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to Approve: Ms. Rovi

2nd: Ms. Gamble

Roll Call: 7 yes votes

Executive Session 6:22p.m.

Return to Regular Session 6:35p.m.

2025-043 ADOPT CHANGE TO EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

Motion to Approve: Ms. Duffey

2nd: Ms. Gamble

Roll Call: 7 yes votes

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 6:39pm: Ms. Rovi

2nd: Ms. Duffey

All in favor