

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
February 26 , 2025

Victoria called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.

Confirmation of Quorum: In-person attendance were members of the Board of Trustees: Victoria Fortuna, Bonnie Jewell, Kit Johnston, Maureen Harris, Patti Peterson, John Beardsley, Liz Conley, Michael Chamowitz and Jen Cable. Patti Peterson was attending via zoom video for personal reasons. Also attending: Library Director Amanda Weakley and FOL Representative Bill Nenninger

The meeting agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of January 22, 2026 were approved. The minutes of the Special Meetings on January 13, 2026 and February 24, 2026 were approved.

FOL Report: No report

Public Comment: None

Report of the President: Victoria will update and report in other committee reports.

Report of the Library Director: Amanda reported that programming is going well and it is "Library Lovers Month" – an opportunity for patrons to express what they like about the Library. The Stuffed Animal Sleepover Event, which was coordinated by the Youth Services librarian Erin was well received and enjoyed by all. The Peace Corps documentary, *A Towering Task*, screening was well attended and a successful event. The various groups such as the Home School Group and D&D Group are growing. There will be a seed swap with the Garden Club coming up on March 7th. The author and musician Gregg Kimball will present a multimedia show featuring rare images, recordings, and live performance honoring Virginia's Piedmont musicians, including Rappahannock's John Jackson will happen on March 14th. The next RLEP program will feature Bats. There will also be a Dolly Parton Imagination Station Event coming up. Amanda also reported that she will be attending a Library Directors meeting in Harrisonburg next month.

Report of the Treasurer: Treasurer Debbie Knick was absent and the report was presented by Bonnie. The report is through the end of January 2026 and the Virginia Investment Pool Report was also through the end of January 2026. The library is on track and staying within the budget.

Committee Reports:

Personnel: Victoria reported that Amanda's performance review will be discussed in the closed meeting session.

Negotiating Special Committee: Victoria reported there were no new comments or information to report as there has been no response from Rush River II / Black Kettle.

Capital Campaign Special Committee: None

Expansion/Renovation: None

Buildings and Grounds: Victoria requested and asked Bonnie to see if it would be possible to get an estimate on repainting new lines in the parking lot.

Finance: No report

Policy: Maureen reported that the Electronic Participation Policy has been annually updated per Virginia Code. The updated policy was approved.

Old Business: None

New Business: The new committees and the appointments were approved and are as follows:

Buildings and Grounds

Bonnie Jewell, Chair

Capital Campaign (ad hoc)

Elizabeth Conley

John Beardsley

Victoria Fortuna

Patti Peterson

Ruth Welch, ex officio

Expansion (ad hoc)

John Beardsley, Chair

Kit Johnston

Patti Peterson

Jen Cable

Finance

Patti Peterson, Chair

Bonnie Jewell

Debbie Knick

Maureen Harris

Negotiating (ad hoc)

Victoria Fortuna, Chair
Michael Chamowitz
Bonnie Jewell
Patti Peterson

Personnel

Victoria Fortuna, Chair
Kit Johnston
Liz Conley

Policy and Planning

Maureen Harris, Chair
Victoria Fortuna
Bonnie Jewell

Victoria then presented the Board with a document entitled to Motion to Conduct a Closed Meeting. The Board entered into Closed Session at 5:20. The closed session motion and certification forms are attached. The Board exited the Closed Session at 6:35

Theboard approved a bonus for Amanda of \$3500, and approved the use of our invested funds to cover additional management and public speaking training for Amanda including travel and child care expenses.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm

Submitted by Jen Cable, Secretary



Victoria Fortuna, President



Date

MOTION TO CONDUCT A CLOSED MEETING

I move that the Rappahannock County Library Board of Trustees conduct a closed meeting in accordance with §2.2-3711 A of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of:

2.2-3711.A(29) – Discussion of the award of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds, including interviews of bidders or offerors, and discussion of the terms or scope of such contract, where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.

and,

Discussion and consideration of Library staff performance pursuant to Code of Virginia §2.2-3711 A(1).

The subject matter of the closed meeting will be:

- 1 . Discussion of terms of a potential lease for library space, and
- 2 . Discussion of performance review for Amanda Weakley for the 2025 calendar year.

RECORD OF VOTE AS TO THE AFORESAID MOTION

	MOTION BY	SECOND	ABSENT/ ABSTAIN	AYE	NAY
John Beardsley				✓	
Jen Cable				✓	
Michael Chamowitz				✓	
Liz Conley				✓	
Victoria Fortuna				✓	
Maureen Harris				✓	
Bonnie Jewell				✓	
Kit Johnston				✓	
Patti Peterson				✓	

CERTIFICATE

Do each of you certify that to the best of your knowledge only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened, were heard, discussed, or considered by the Library Board of Trustees in the closed meeting?

	AYE	NAY	Absent/Abstain
John Beardsley	✓		
Jen Cable	✓		
Michael Chamowitz	✓		
Liz Conley			✓
Victoria Fortuna	✓		
Maureen Harris	✓		
Bonnie Jewell	✓		
Kit Johnston	✓		
Patti Peterson			✓

The aforesaid Motion and Certificate were adopted in open session at a public meeting of the Rappahannock County Library Board of Trustees on February 26, 2026, by roll-call vote as shown above. The Certificate was adopted immediately after the closed meeting at a reconvened open meeting.



Victoria Fortuna

President, Rappahannock County Public Library Board of Trustees