

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
April 23 , 2026

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

Confirmation of Quorum: In-person attendance were members of the Board of Trustees: Victoria Fortuna, Maureen Harris, Patti Peterson, Liz Conley, Michael Chamowitz, Patti Peterson, Kit Johnston and Jen Cable. Also attending: Library Director Amanda Weakley, FOL Representative Ruth Welch and Rappahannock News Reporter Ireland Hayes. Absent were Board Members John Beardsley and Bonnie Jewell

The meeting agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of March 26, 2026 Board Meeting and the minutes of April 3, 2026 Special Meeting were both approved.

FOL Report: Ruth Welch from FOL reported that they will have a tent at Sperryfest. They are gearing up for donations to be made at Give Local Piedmont on May 14th.

Public Comment: No public comment.

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 the State Aid application is completed. The Youth Services Librarian Vacancy has been posted and Amanda reports that there are a good number of prospects to be interviewed. The Bug Program in yesterday's Storytime Hour was well received and very interactive for the kids. A Homeschool program will be held on Tuesdays and lots more programming is coming up. The Library will participate in DARE day at the Elementary School which takes place near the end of the school year. The Blue Ridge Area Food Bank will again provide meal kits to be handed out again this summer at the Library. Among the upcoming programs are: Paint Class, America 250 Historical Program on April 29th, 'Sew What' Machine Sewing Class on April 30th with a full registration, Peter Melory One Man Band on May 13th, Library Talk with Christine Van den Toorn about her education and business efforts in Iraq, Invasive Plants in Landscape Program on May 20th and Blue Ridge Heritage Association Program on May 30th about Displaced Shenandoah National Park Families. Amanda also reported that she will be attending the upcoming Blue Ridge Download Consortium Meeting with other Library Directors. Amanda also reported that an Amisville patron, Karen Hunt has expressed concerns about library moving, ownership vs. lease issues and a possible patron survey.

Report of the Treasurer: Treasurer Debbie Knick was absent and the report was presented by Patti. The report is through the end of March 2026 and the Virginia Investment Pool Report was also through the end of March 2026. The Library is running well and on track with expenditures.

Committee Reports:

Personnel: None

Negotiating Special Committee: None

Communications Committee: Liz reported that they will put together a list of FAQ's and they will be published on the library website. They have hosted two coffee hours with people in attendance asking good questions and good dialogues with patrons/public. They are looking to host another on a Saturday so as to provide a time when more people might be able to attend.

Capital Campaign Special Committee: None

Expansion/Renovation: There was an introductory meeting with Rush River II representatives about design concepts and concerns. They are planning to have a follow up meeting via Zoom to express the desires and needs of the Library and continue ongoing discussions.

Buildings and Grounds: None

Finance: None

Policy: None

Victoria then presented the Board with a document entitled to Motion to Conduct a Closed Meeting to discuss Library relocation possibilities and negotiations. The Board entered into Closed Session at 5:30. The closed session motion and certification forms are attached. The Board exited the Closed Session at 6:25

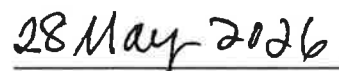
Old Business: None

New Business: None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm

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.

The subject matter of the closed meeting will be:

Discussion of terms of a potential lease for library space.

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

	A/E	N/E	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 April 23, 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