

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
25 June 2026**

Victoria called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm.

Confirmation of Quorum: A quorum of the Board was present: In-person attendance were members of the Board of Trustees: Victoria Fortuna, Bonnie Jewell, Maureen Harris, ~~Patti Peterson~~, John Beardsley, and Patti Peterson. Liz Conley attended via Zoom for personal reasons. Jen Cable and Michael Chamowitz were absent. Also attending: Library Director Amanda Weakley, FOL President Grace Flores-Hughes (via Zoom), and the following member of the public: Bill Nenninger.

The meeting agenda was approved as presented. The minutes of 28 May 2026 were approved.

FOL Report: Grace Flores-Hughes reported that all the FOL questions about the potential transaction between the Library Board and Rush River 2 had been answered at this time. She also reported that the FOL's July Meeting had been cancelled.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

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

Report of the Library Director: Amanda reported that there had been a lot of comments received against the move because of rent and location. She reported the Library received a grant of \$4000 from RAAC to support the Senior Art Program; the Shenandoah National Park program was completely full about 147 persons attended with standing room only; about 1/2 of the meal boxes from Blue Ridge Area Food Bank had already been distributed and she was anticipating ordering another pallet of meal boxes; Summer Reading participation is up and a new Kid's Book Club for 8 -11 year old was meeting; the Community Gathering is set for 12-2 pm on Friday July 24th. Amanda also reported that the County approved a 2% bonus pool for county departments which requires the Board to approve accepting the bonus. She recommended that the Board approve the bonus for the Library's employees.

The Board unanimously approved the 2% bonus pool and instructed Amanda to allocate the funds in accordance with the County rules regarding the monies.

Report of the Treasurer: Treasurer Debbie Knick was absent and the report was presented by Bonnie. Discussion of Virginia Investment Pool occurred and the Board requested that we have a more detailed discussion with Debbie Knick in the Autumn regarding investment of the Library's funds, and possible opportunities to diversify how the Library's funds are invested.

Committee Reports: None

New Business: Bonnie proposed the Board have a Public Hearing regarding the Rush River 2 transaction to hear from the public. After discussion regarding the format, Public Hearing vs. open house informational meeting, the Board unanimously voted to have a Public Hearing as the

later part of its next regular meeting on Thursday, July 23 at 5:30 p.m. The Board requested that a notice be posted in the Rappahannock News informing them of the hearing.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50pm

Submitted by Victoria Fortuna


Victoria Fortuna, President


Date