

**Rappahannock County Public Library Board of Trustees
Negotiating Committee Meeting
28 July 2026
Rappahannock Public County Library, 4 Library Road, Washington, VA 22747**

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm. John Beardsley, Michael Chamowitz, Victoria Fortuna and Bonnie Jewell were present. John Beardsley was absent. Also present were Michael Goodwin and Amanda Weakley. Also present were approximately 15 members of the public.

Victoria made a motion to Conduct a Closed Meeting. David Konick objected to the the Motion to Conduct a Closed Meeting. The motion was seconded by John, the Committee voted to enter a closed meeting and the members of the public exited the meeting. The Closed Session began at approximately 3:25 pm. Michael Chamowitz left the meeting at approximately 4:35pm.

The meeting returned to open session at approximately 4:50pm. The Motion to Conduct a Closed Meeting is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

The remaining members of the public entered the room and the meeting then adjourned.

Minutes submitted by:

Victoria Fortuna

Date

MOTION TO CONDUCT A CLOSED MEETING

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

2.2-3711.A (3) - Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, and

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:

- 1 . Discussion of terms of a potential lease for library space.

RECORD OF VOTE AS TO THE MOTION

	MOTION BY	SECOND	ABSENT/ ABSTAIN	AYE	NAY
John Beardsley				✓	
Michael Chamowitz		✓		✓	
Victoria Fortuna	✓			✓	
Bonnie Jewell				✓	

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	✓		
Michael Chamowitz			absent left 4:30 pm
Victoria Fortuna	✓		
Bonnie Jewell	✓		

The aforesaid Motion and Certificate were adopted in open session at a public meeting of the Rappahannock County Library Board of Trustees Negotiating Committee on July 28, 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