

DRAFT MINUTES

Rappahannock County Public Library Board of Trustees Negotiating Committee Meeting 15 September 2026

Rappahannock Public County Library, 4 Library Road, Washington, VA 22747

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 pm. Michael Chamowitz, Victoria Fortuna and Bonnie Jewell were present. John Beardsley was absent. Also present were attorney Michael Goodwin, Amanda Weakley, and approximately 5 members of the public.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

A quorum being present, a motion was passed to approve the draft Agenda.

3. Approval of Minutes

Michael Chamowitz motioned to approve the Minutes of March 31, April 7, April 14, April 21, April 28, June 16, and July 28. Bonnie Jewell proposed clarifying that the Negotiating Committee of the Library Board was certifying the closed meeting in Closed Meeting Certification attachments. Minutes were unanimously approved with Bonnie's suggested edits to Certification documents.

4. Closed Session

Victoria made a motion to Conduct a Closed Meeting, in accordance with 52.2-3711.A of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of 52.2-3711.A(29) and 52.2-3711.A(8). The subject matter of the closed meeting was terms of a potential lease for library space and legal advice in regards to a potential lease. The motion was seconded by Michael Chamowitz, and the Committee voted to enter a closed session. Members of the public exited the meeting and the Closed Meeting began at approximately 3:25 pm. The recorded motion and votes are attached.

5. Return to Open Session

The meeting returned to open session and members of the public returned at approximately 4:30pm. Following closed session, Committee members certified that 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 Negotiating Committee in the closed meeting. The recorded certification is attached.

Victoria made a motion directing two members of the Committee and attorney Michael Goodwin to have a discussion with the Rush River 2 team on Wednesday, September 16, to convey the substance of the Committee's comments on the draft lease and operating agreements discussed in Closed Session. Michael Chamowitz seconded the motion and it was approved.

6. Adjourn

The meeting then adjourned at approximately 4:35pm.

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(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

2.2-3711.A(8) - Consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to permit the closure of a meeting merely because an attorney representing the public body is in attendance or is consulted on a matter.

The subject matter of the closed meeting will be:

- 1 . Discussion of terms of a potential gift lease and operating agreement for library space.

RECORD OF VOTE AS TO THE MOTION

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

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Bonnie Jewell	✓		
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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 September 15, 2026, by roll-call vote as shown above. The Certificate was adopted immediately after the closed meeting at a reconvened open meeting.

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President, Rappahannock County Public Library Board of Trustees