

**CRANBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Meeting Minutes**

January 9, 2025, 7:00 p.m.
Cranbury Public Library, Meeting Room 3

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC MEETINGS

ACT Pursuant to provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by the Library Director as follows: December 1, 2024 a notice for this meeting was sent to the Trenton Times, Home News Tribune, and Township Clerk and posted in the Public Library.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 by A. Mento

2. INTRODUCTIONS OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Andre Mento, President - Present Kirstie Venanzi, Vice-President and Secretary - Present
Christine Tu, Treasurer - Present Michael Ferrante, Trustee - Present
Vikranta Sharma, Trustee - Absent Michaele Kehrt, Trustee - Present
Fred Dennehy, Trustee - Present
Emma Bossard, School Administrator's Representative - Present
Eman El-Badawi, Mayor's Representative - Absent
Also to be present:
Brooke Basista, Library Director - Present
Cynthia Mihalenko, Recording Secretary - Present
Jill Frost, Cranbury Public Library Foundation Representative - Present

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Action on minutes from 12/12/24 - Moved by M. Ferrante, seconded by M. Kehrt, all in favor unanimously approved
- B. Action on Bills from month end 12/31/24 - Moved by K. Venanzi, seconded by M. Ferrante, unanimously approved

4. TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer - C. Tu presented her report.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President - A. Mento presented his report. The Lions Club would like to host two events at the Library. A discussion followed and waiting to confirm fundraising details for the event.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Director - B. Basista gave her report.

7. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:

- A. Mayor's Rep - None: E. El-Badawi was absent.
- B. School Administrator/Rep - E. Bossard gave her report
- C. Cranbury Public Library Foundation Rep- J. Frost was officially elected President of the Foundation. She looks to continue to grow the Foundation and having fundraising events in the near future.

8. TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Personnel: Chair- Kirstie Venanzi, Michaele Kehrt - Nothing to report
- B. Finance: Chair – Chair-Christine Tu, Andre Mento - Nothing to report
- C. Policy and Planning: Chair- Kirstie Venanzi, Fred Dennehy, Vikranta Sharma - The Board of Trustees will be having their retreat on Feb. 22nd.
- D. Facilities Committee: Chair - Andre Mento, Michael Ferrante - Discussed the continued steps that will be taken for the Solar Panel Project.

9. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Updated 2025 Budget - Board of Trustees voted. Moved by M. Ferrante, seconded by K. Venanzi and unanimously approved.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Election of Officers - A. Mento was re-elected President, C. Tu was elected as Treasurer, M. Ferrante was elected Vice President and K. Venanzi was elected Secretary. Moved by K. Venanzi moved, seconded by M. Kehrt, unanimously approved.
- B. Resolution 2025-1 - Board approved moving Capital Funding over to the Checking Account

Moved by M.Ferrante, Seconded by C. Tu and was approved unanimously.
C. 2024 Year in Review Report - B. Basista went over the Library's 2024 year in review. L. Bonds presented on the Youth Services department. The Library's Youth Services department had a great year and looks forward to all the events they will be hosting in 2025. The Board of Trustees thanked Laura Bonds and Elizabeth Begonis for all their hard work they put into creating and hosting all the Youth Services events.

11. CLOSED SESSION- This will be covered at the next meeting.

12. CORRESPONDENCE - The board received a thank you letter from a Cranbury resident thanking the library and the staff for their wonderful work and programming.

13. OPEN DISCUSSION PERIOD -

14. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments shall be reserved for Cranbury Township residents and limited to 3 minutes.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by K. Venazi, seconded by C. Tu at 8:10pm