

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

March 13, 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 6:59 PM by A. Mento

**2. INTRODUCTIONS OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Andre Mento, President - Present      Kirstie Venanzi, Secretary - Present  
Christine Tu, Treasurer - Present      Michael Ferrante, Vice President - Present  
Vikranta Sharma, Trustee- Absent      Michaele Kehrt, Trustee - Present  
Fred Dennehy, Trustee - Present  
Emma Bossard, School Administrator's Representative - Absent  
Eman El-Badawi, Mayor's Representative - Present  
Also to be present:

Brooke Basista, Library Director - Present  
Cynthia Milahenko, Recording Secretary - Present  
Jill Frost, Cranbury Public Library Foundation Representative - Present  
Dean Klimek, Technology Librarian - Present

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Action on minutes from 2/13/25 and 2/15/25 -Moved by M. Ferrante, seconded by M. Venanzi, unanimously approved (C. Tu abstained)
- B. Action on Bills from month end 2/28/25 - Moved by K. Venanzi , seconded by M. Kehrt, all in favor unanimously approved

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

**5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** President - A. Mento informed the board that V.Sharma has resigned and the Executive Board is currently looking to fill her position.

**6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Director - B. Basista noted that on March 4th the library's fireplace façade was finished. She is still waiting to hear back from the solar panel bids specs and informed everyone of all the upcoming events at the library.

**7. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:**

- A. Mayor's Rep - E. El-Badawi gave her report.
- B. School Administrator/Rep - No report as E. Bossard was absent from the meeting.
- C. Cranbury Public Library Foundation Rep - J. Frost gave her report and noted that The Spring Wreath Fundraising program will take place at the end of this month.

**8. TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Personnel: Chair- Kirstie Venanzi, Michaele Kehrt - Nothing to report.
- B. Finance: Chair – Chair-Christine Tu, Andre Mento - Reported above.
- C. Policy and Planning: Chair- Kirstie Venanzi, Fred Dennehy, Vikranta Sharma - Due to V. Sharma's resignation, M. Kehrt will be a part of this committee going forward.
- D. Facilities Committee: Chair - Andre Mento, Michael Ferrante - Gave their report.

**9. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Strategic Plan - Discussed the plan for the 2026 - 2030 Strategic Plan workgroups and how the Board plans to work on this throughout the year. A new Strategic Plan Committee was established.

**10. NEW BUSINESS** - Board discussed the library's creative space/maker's space area.

**11. CLOSED SESSION** - None

**12. CORRESPONDENCE** - The board received a thank you from a member of the Township and the Library was praised in an article written for *Peddie School 1957 Class Notes*.

**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 M. Ferrante, seconded by K.Venanzi at 7:52 pm

Note:

This notice has been posted on the Cranbury Public Library website. The above agenda is as best known at the time of posting.