

CRANBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting Minutes

November 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, 2025 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 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
Melissa Edwards, Trustee - Present 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, Director - Present
Jill Frost, Cranbury Public Library Foundation Representative - Absent
Emily Kostic, Cranbury Public Library Foundation Representative - Present
Cynthia Mihalenko, Recording Secretary - Present

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Action on minutes from 10/9/25, moved by K. Venanzi, seconded by M. Ferrante, unanimously approved.
- B. Action on Bills from month end 10/31/25, moved by M. Ferrante, seconded by M. Kehrt, unanimously approved.

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

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President - A. Mento gave her report.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Director - B. Basista gave her report. She noted the future community partnerships with the library. She has also reached out about bid specs proposals and is continuing the search for solar panel projects.

7. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:

- A. Mayor's Rep - E. Elbadawi gave her report and discussed solar power bid specs in more detail.
- B. School Administrator/Rep - No report.
- C. Cranbury Public Library Foundation Rep - Emily gave her report in J. Frost's absence and noted that The WWII Spies Fundraiser will be happening tomorrow.

8. TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Personnel: Chair- Kirstie Venanzi, Michaele Kehrt - Discussed during closed session.
- B. Finance: Chair – Chair-Christine Tu, Andre Mento - Discussed above.
- C. Policy and Planning: Chair- Kirstie Venanzi, Fred Dennehy, Michaele Kehrt - Discussed during new business.
- D. Facilities Committee: Chair - Andre Mento, Michael Ferrante - Discussed during the directors report.
- E. Strategic Plan Committee: Chair- Michael Ferrante, Eman El-Badawi, Emma Bossard,

Michaele Kehrt - The committee is working on reaching out to and meeting with focus groups.

9. OLD BUSINESS - None

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Collection Policy- Freedom to Read Act Compliance - The board reviewed and voted on the collection policy. The board voted on passing the new collection policy which was moved by K. Venanzi and seconded by F. Dennehy, approved unanimously.

11. OPEN DISCUSSION PERIOD - None

12. CLOSED SESSION

A. Personnel - The board began their closed session at 7:40pm and ended their closed session at 8:03pm.

13. CORRESPONDENCE - In October, a member from the community left a positive google review of the library.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

14. ADJOURNMENT

8:04 pm. Moved by M. Ferrante, and seconded by F. Dennehy. Approved unanimously.

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