

# CRANBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2026, 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: On December 11, 2025 a notice for this meeting was sent to the Township Clerk and posted on the Library website. On January 5, 2026 a notice for this meeting was published in the Home News Tribune and Legal Ads page of the Cranbury Township website. The Township Clerk posts a twice monthly legal ad in the Home New Tribune that includes the website link to Cranbury Township's Legal Ads webpage as mandated by the State for the entire calendar year of 2026.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by M.Ferrante

### 2. INTRODUCTIONS OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Michael Ferrante, President - Present Andre Mento, Trustee - Present  
Fred Dennehy, Vice President - Present Melissa Edwards, Trustee - Present  
Michaele Kehrt, Secretary - Present Christoph Kimmich, Trustee - Present  
Christine Tu, Treasurer - Present

Emma Bossard, School Administrator's Representative - Present

Eman El-Badawi, Mayor's Representative - Absent

Also to be present:

Brooke Basista, Director - Present

Cynthia Mihalenko, Recording Secretary - Present

Emily Kostic, Foundation Representative - Present

### 3. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Action on minutes from 12/11/25 moved by A. Mento, seconded by F. Dennehy, unanimously approved (C. Tu, M. Kehert and C. Kimmich abstained).

B. Action on Bills from month end 12/10/25 - moved by M. Kehrt, seconded by A. Mento , unanimously approved.

**4. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer - C. Tu gave her report and noted nothing out of the ordinary.

**5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** President - M. Ferrante welcomed the new board member, C. Kimmich.

**6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Director - B. Basista gave her report. She noted the fitness classes - yoga and pilates have been having a great turn out.

### 7. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:

A. Mayor's Rep - No report as E. El-Badawi was absent.

B. School Administrator/Rep - E. Bossard gave her report and noted that this will be her last meeting as she will be stepping away from her role on the board.

C. Cranbury Public Library Foundation Rep - E. Kostic gave her report.

### 8. TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Personnel: Chair- **(vacancy- previous chair- Kirstie Venanzi)**, Michaele Kehrt, Melissa Edwards - M. Kehrt will become the chair of this committee.

B. Finance: Chair – Chair-Christine Tu, Andre Mento - No report.

C. Policy and Planning: Chair- **(vacancy- previous chair- Kirstie Venanzi)**, Fred Dennehy, Michaele Kehrt - F. Dennehy will become the chair and C. Kimmich will be joining this

committee.

D. Facilities Committee: Chair - Andre Mento, Michael Ferrante - No report.

E. Strategic Plan Committee: Chair- Michael Ferrante, Eman El-Badawi, Emma Bossard, Michael Kehrt - M. Edwards will be joining this committee and E. Bossard will be stepping down.

**9. OLD BUSINESS** - None.

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Trustee Committees - Discussed above in the Trustee Committee Report section.

B. Meeting Room Policy Update - B.Basista discussed adding a clause to the meeting room policy to add a section about no rehearsals. Motion to approve by F. Dehney and seconded by C. Kimmich, unanimously approved. Also, the Lions Club would like to host a fundraiser at the library. The current policy states that fundraiser events for organizations unaffiliated with the library cannot be held at the library.

C. Resolution 2026-1 moved by M. Kehrt and seconded by A. Mento, unanimously approved.

D. Resolution 2026-2 moved by A. Mento and seconded by F. Dehney, unanimously approved.

E. Resolution 2026-3 moved by C. Tu and seconded by F. Dehney, unanimously approved.

**11. OPEN DISCUSSION PERIOD** - None.

**12. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by A. Mento, seconded by M. Kehrt at 7:33 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.