

CRANBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting Minutes

February 12, 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

Casserly Shea, School Administrator's Representative - Present

Eman El-Badawi, Mayor's Representative - Present

Also to be present:

Brooke Basista, Director -Present

Cynthia Mihalenko, Recording Secretary - Present

Emily Kostic, Foundation Representative - Absent

3. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Action on minutes from 1/8/26 - moved by A. Mento, seconded by F. Dennehy, unanimously approved (E. El-Badawi and C. Shea have obtained)

B. Action on Bills from month end 1/30/26 - moved by M. Kehrt, seconded by C. Kimmich, unanimously approved.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer - C. Tu gave her report and noted that book orders were higher than normal due to delayed 2025 shipment.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President - M. Ferrante gave his report and looks forward to the board retreat at the end of the month.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Director - B. Basista gave her report and noted that this and next quarter the library will be paying charges for unemployment benefits and the library's new book section is growing.

7. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:

A. Mayor's Rep - E. El-Badawi gave her report.

B. School Administrator/Rep - C. Shea gave her first report and looks forward to working with the library.

C. Cranbury Public Library Foundation Rep - M. Ferrante gave a report in E. Kostic's absence. The Foundation has a month to month plan for fundraising and has a yearly goal they hope to achieve. The Foundation hopes to hold an event to celebrate the 5 year celebration of the library in late 2027.

8. TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Personnel: Chair- Michaele Kehrt, Melissa Edwards - No report.

B. Finance: Chair – Chair-Christine Tu, Andre Mento - Discussed above.

C. Policy and Planning: Chair-Fred Dennehy, Michaele Kehrt, Christoph Kimmich - No report.

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

E. Strategic Plan Committee: Chair- Michael Ferrante, Eman El-Badawi, Melissa Edwards, Michaele Kehrt - The Strategic Plan will be emailed to all board members and will be discussed at the Board retreat.

9. OLD BUSINESS - A. Mento discussed with the board about outside organizations holding events at the library.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Circulation Policy Update - Motion to approve E. El-Badawi and seconded by F. Dennehy, unanimously approved.

B. Prep for Board Retreat - The Board discussed what will be brought for the potluck at the retreat.

11. OPEN DISCUSSION PERIOD - None

12. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

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

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by F. Dennehy, seconded by A. Mento at 7:38 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.