



Canton Public Library Board of Trustees General Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2026 – 7:00 PM

The Chairperson, J. Lee, called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Present: H. Abdu (joined at 7:05 PM), N. Eggenberger, A. Iqbal, J. Lee, A. Wahby, A. Watts

Absent: None

Also Present: S. Bewick, E. Davis

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Present: K. Bounds, I. Ghalib, S. Ghalib, L. Golden, M. Hathaway, M. Nicholson, C. Swanberg

No comments

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda, as amended, was approved by unanimous consent.

APPROVAL OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

COMMUNICATIONS

E. Davis shared a patron's communication expressing dissatisfaction with their experience waiting for printing assistance.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

E. Davis had no additions to the written report.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

N. Eggenberger voiced her approval of the reduction in hoopla monthly borrows, stating that hoopla was becoming too large a percentage of the materials budget. Information Services Department Head Megan Hathaway advised that additional borrows may potentially be reinstated in the future after monitoring usage and costs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS & GENERAL ORDERS

Meeting Room Policy Revision – Engagement & Design Department Head Laurie Golden advised that the current meeting room policy requires all users to pay a refundable cleaning deposit; as fewer patrons are writing checks, transaction costs and administrative burdens have increased. Under the revised policy, patrons will remain responsible for large messes and damage, with costs assessed on a case-by-case basis.

N. Eggenberger moved, and A. Iqbal seconded a motion to approve the Meeting Room Policy as presented, effective upon the launch of the new room reservation software.

The motion passed unanimously 26/1-15-1 (6-0-0)

Review 2026 Monthly Board Meeting Agenda Plan – By consensus, the board agreed to cancel the February meeting and reschedule the Endowment Fund review for March. The board also agreed to reschedule the discussion of 2027 expenditures from June to July.

NEW BUSINESS

Patron Appeal 2026-01 – Closed Session to consider information exempted from disclosure by the Michigan Library Privacy Act – N. Eggenberger moved, and A. Watts supported a motion to move into closed session to consider material exempt from disclosure by the Michigan Library Privacy Act.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes: H. Abdu, N. Eggenberger, A. Iqbal, J. Lee, A. Wahby, A. Watts

No: None

Abstain: None

The motion passed unanimously 26/1-15-2 (6-0-0)

REGULAR MEETING RESUMED AT 7:44 PM.

Patron Appeal 2026-01, to uphold, revise, or revoke suspension of rental room privileges – Based on the facts and information discussed in closed session, the board reached consensus to uphold the patron's suspension as issued.

Closed session for feedback on director's performance – E. Davis requested that the board move into closed session for the purpose of discussing her performance feedback. A. Watts moved, and A. Wahby seconded, to enter closed session.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes: H. Abdu, N. Eggenberger, A. Iqbal, J. Lee, A. Wahby, A. Watts

No: None

Abstain: None

The motion passed unanimously 26/1-15-3 (6-0-0)

REGULAR MEETING RESUMED AT 8:04 PM.

CALL TO AUDIENCE

None

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Amy Watts, Secretary-Treasurer