Canton Public Library Board of Trustees
General Meeting Minutes

June 25, 2026 – 7:00 PM

The Chairperson, J. Lee, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
Present: H. Abdu, N. Eggenberger, A. Iqbal, J. Lee, A. Wahby (joined at 7:02 PM), A. Watts
Absent: None
Also Present: S. Bewick, E. Davis

CALL TO AUDIENCE
Present: K. Bounds, L. Golden, Z. Jones, D. McHugh, M. Nicholson
No comments

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

APPROVAL OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
J. Lee presented the board with a printed document of proposed changes to the May 21, 2026, minutes. Approval of the minutes was postponed for further discussion later in the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS
None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT
In addition to her written report, E. Davis shared that the Canton Police Department is working to implement a real-time communication system to help respond more quickly and accurately to emergencies; they may request board approval to access CPL's external cameras. Information Technology Department Head Carl Swanberg is coordinating with the Canton Police Department to determine whether the system meets compatibility and security requirements. Anne Seurynck from Foster Swift Collins & Smith, P.C., has advised that there will need to be a solid agreement in place before granting access.

As of April 30, the library was 42% through the fiscal year. Revenues are inflowing as anticipated; expenditures trending above 42% are expected and include prepaid fringe benefits, professional & contractual, and insurance. The 2nd Quarter budget amendment will be presented at the July board meeting.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS
J. Lee inquired about the progress of the 62 Days of Summer program. Circulation Services Department Head Kat Bounds shared that the door count for the kickoff day was the second-highest in CPL's history; it appears the numbers have now fully rebounded since the COVID-19 closures.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS & GENERAL ORDERS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Health Care Plan Options Overview – Kapnick Insurance Account Executive Zariah Jones reviewed the recommended healthcare options. The Blue Care Network Healthy Blue Living HMO Platinum 500 (the library's current plan) has been re-certified with minimal changes at an average cost increase of 20.1%. Z. Jones advised that next year's renewal is expected to increase by 12-15%.

Business Services Department Head Marian Nicholson advised that the library recommends renewing the current medical plan and continuing the 80/20 cost share under PA 152.

Approve 2026-27 Health Care Contract – A. Watts moved, and N. Eggenberger supported a motion to renew the Blue Care Network Healthy Blue Living Platinum 500 healthcare plan contract for August 1, 2026, to July 31, 2027.

The motion passed unanimously 26/6-25-1 (6-0-0)

Approve 2026-27 Life/AD&D and Disability Contract – A. Iqbal moved, and J. Lee supported a motion to select the Lincoln Financial Life/AD&D and Disability contract for August 1, 2026, to July 31, 2027.

The motion passed unanimously 26/6-25-2 (6-0-0)

Approve PA 152 Health Care Premium Cost-Sharing – N. Eggenberger moved, and A. Wahby supported a motion to approve the 80/20 split for PA 152 Employer/Employee Insurance Premiums Cost-Sharing.

The motion passed unanimously 26/6-25-3 (6-0-0)

2027 Budget Discussion – Revenues – E. Davis advised that, despite the increased Headlee reduction, next year's budget is still projected to increase due to market increases and new developments. The library recommends budgeting for the full $1.4088 mills with a 99% collection rate. The board did not have any additional questions at this time.

2027 Budget Discussion – Expenditures – Capital Expenditures – The trustees discussed the projected capital replacement schedule provided by the department heads. Business Services Department Head Marian Nicholson confirmed that the library is still budgeting to partner with Canton Township on EV charging stations, but has been waiting for the township to move forward with the project.

APPROVAL OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, CONTINUED

J. Lee requested that a full copy of her proposed amendment be added to the physical board record. N. Eggenberger moved, and A. Wahby supported a motion to approve the May 21, 2026, minutes as presented, with the addition of the "Proposals and Financials" portion of J. Lee's proposed amendment. The minutes, as amended, were approved with unanimous consent.

CALL TO AUDIENCE
None

ADJOURN
The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM.

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Amy Watts, Secretary-Treasurer