



Canton Public Library Board of Trustees General Meeting Minutes

July 16, 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. Watts

Absent: A. Wahby

Also Present: S. Bewick, E. Davis

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Present: K. Bounds, L. Golden, M. Hathaway, D. McHugh, M. Nicholson, C. Swanberg

No comments

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

APPROVAL OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In addition to her written report, E. Davis shared that she met with Emergency Management Coordinator Will Hayes regarding the wildfires and smoke conditions, as the library and Summit on the Park are designated as cooling centers. With the upgrades to the HVAC system during the COVID-19 pandemic, the library is confident that the air turnover and filtration are sufficient to maintain safe indoor air quality.

As of June 30, the library was 50% through the fiscal year. Most expenditures trending above 50% are anticipated; the 2nd Quarter Budget Amendment, to be presented later in the meeting, will bring the remaining financials into order.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

J. Lee inquired about the Friends of the Library board meeting schedule. HR Specialist S. Bewick presented the board with a calendar of meetings for those interested in attending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS & GENERAL ORDERS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1st Draft of 2027 Budget and 2028-2029 projections – N. Eggenberger noted that the expenditures exceeded the listed revenues. Davis explained that budgeting in this method was recommended by Alicia Watkins of Plante Moran and is the more appropriate approach under GASB principles.

Approve 2nd Quarter Budget Amendment – E. Davis explained that the presented budget amendment recognizes \$91K in additional revenue the library has received, allocates \$15K to expenditures, and allocates the remaining funds to fund balance. N. Eggenberger moved, and A. Watts supported a motion to accept the 2nd Quarter Budget Amendment as presented.

The motion passed unanimously 26/7-16-1 (5-0-0)

2027 Budget – Expenditures: MERS pension contribution – E. Davis advised that the budgeted contribution continues the five-year plan started in 2024. Although the valuation can fluctuate with market predictions, the MERS evaluation currently estimates reaching the 120% funding goal in 2029. When this happens, the library will potentially no longer need to allocate funds from the operating budget each year.

Director's performance evaluation committee discussion – Trustees H. Abdu, N. Eggenberger, A. Iqbal and J. Lee expressed interest in participating in a committee to coordinate the director's annual performance evaluation. Trustee Lee will coordinate with the other board members to finalize the date and attendance list. If four or more trustees attend, the meeting will constitute a quorum and will be subject to the requirements of the Open Meetings Act, including public notice and the publication of meeting minutes.

CALL TO AUDIENCE

None

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Amy Watts, Secretary-Treasurer