

# The Board of Trustees of Teaneck Public Library

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees

November 6, 2025

*(Note: Due to library renovations, this was an online meeting via Google Meet.)*

## Call to Order, Attendance

Call to order at 7:01 PM.

Sunshine Notice: This meeting is being held in accordance with Public Law - 1975 Chapter 231, the Open Public Meetings Act, also known as the "Sunshine Law." The adequate notice of the meeting, including the date, time, and place of the meeting, has been provided.

Trustees Present: Benjy Burnat, President; Keisha Carter, Vice President; Paul Ostrow, Treasurer; Myron Chaitovsky; Sandra Silverberg.

Also Present: Shinae Hyun, Library Director; Lynn Kloss and Susan Maier, Friends of the Teaneck Library; Toniette Duncan and Michael Norris, Teaneck Historical Preservation Society.

Absent: Chondra Young, Secretary; Evalyn Brownstein; Dr. Andre Spencer, Superintendent; Seleene Lewis Wong, Mayor's Representative; Karen Orgen, Council Member.

## Minutes

Upon motion by Sandi Silverberg, Paul Ostrow, second), the minutes of the Board's October 2025 meeting were approved, with all in favor.

## Friends Report

Sandi Silverberg, President of the Friends, reported:

- The Friends all came to help at the Sunday Reopening Event.
- The following have been scheduled for the *Music on a Sunday Afternoon* and *Movies that Matter*:
  - November 16 will be a vocalist and her band.
  - December 7 will be Renee Guerrero, Classical Pianist.
  - The first movie will be on December 21.

## Treasurer's Report

Upon motion by Sandi Silverberg (Myron Chaitovsky, second), the Financial Report was accepted without objection, with all in favor.

*Approved by the Library Board of Trustees on December 4, 2025*

## Director's Report

Director Shinae Hyun reported that October was extremely busy and exciting as the Library prepared to reopen after a 14-month renovation:

1. There were 4 different positions posted. Applications were reviewed; interviews were conducted; paperwork was completed for those 14 new hires. Finally, training occurred during the last week.
2. All staff scheduled to work on Thursday, October 30 pitched in to clean throughout the Library.
3. Staff set up a *Staff Art Gallery*, with 26 pieces from staff members.
4. The Youth Services Department had *Saturday Storytime* 3 times in the Children's Reading Garden.
5. Friends members stopped by ahead of the Reopening to pick up their Reopening T-shirts and received a tour from the Director.
6. Thank You to the Friends for the well organized and timely activities on the Reopening Day.
7. DPW helped (the Library) a lot, as there were various issues with a gutter hanging off the side; a clogged sink in the shop; a non-working sink in the women's bathroom; and the side door of the Auditorium that needed to be slightly shorter.
8. Bergen County Optic Fiber got installed. The phones and internet will switch over next week.
9. The Library discovered that the heat would not turn on because PSEG cut off the gas, so our account had to be reactivated. (The Township had multiple accounts, which had been transferred; and the Library's account was accidentally closed.)
10. BCCLS IT and MIS were all helpful in getting the Library's computers and internet properly connected over 5-6 days.
11. Youth Services staff attended the *BCCLS Performers Showcase*, where vendors showed what they can offer. One vendor raffled off a \$700 program for 2026, which was won by our Teen Librarian Jacqueline Quinn; it will be a part of our summer program.
12. Head of Adult and Patron Services Departments Jonna Davis completed the BCCLS Supervisory Training program.

## New Business

Resolution LB-25-28: Upon motion by Sandi Silverberg (Paul Ostrow, second), all were in favor of having the 12/16/25 (maturity date) CD continue for another 6 months, with 6/16/26 as the new maturity date.

Upon motion by Myron Chaitovsky (Paul Ostrow, second), all were in favor of:

Resolution LB-25-29 - Selecting Option A (with credit card capability) for the new color copier from CCP.

Resolution LB-25-30 - Increasing prices for the black and white copies (from \$0.10 to \$0.15).

## Old Business

Historical Marker - Toniette Duncan and Michael Norris from the Teaneck Historical Preservation Society explained that over the past 2 years, there have been recent discussions about the language of the marker, as well as its location, and who would be financially responsible for creating the marker.

- There are currently 3 different plaques marking the original location of the Library. There should be a new one that is at an appropriate height for young children to read it.
- The history of the Teaneck Library is connected to the slaves; they lived in the cabin that was the original library. And, they were referred to as "chattel."

Upon motion by Keisha Carter (Paul Ostrow, second), all were in favor of approving the Historical Marker in principle, with its final location and language to be finalized by the designated board members/Council Liaison and the Library Director. After that, the next step is for the Council to approve it and then pay for it.

### **Remarks from the Public**

Going on record as both a member of the public and of the Friends of the Teaneck Public Library, Susan Maier expressed "Thank You" to the Director and to the Friends for a wonderful reopening, as well as to the library staff.

Lynn Kloss, also of the Friends, agreed and reminded the Trustees about the upcoming BCCLS Trustee Workshop.

### **Good and Welfare**

The Treasurer wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

### **Closed Session**

Upon motion by Sandra Silverberg (Keisha Carter, second), the meeting went into a closed session at 7:40 PM; it resumed at 7:49 PM, upon motion by Sandra Silverberg (Paul Ostrow, second).

### **Adjournment**

Upon motion by Paul Ostrow (Keisha Carter, second), the meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM without objection.

Prepared by Deborah Young