

SOMERVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING, June 11, 2025

Minutes

ATTENDING

TRUSTEES: Kate Van Sleet, April Kuehnhoff, Sarah Pascarella, Carla Lillvik, Anandavalli Thiagarajan, Ami Feldman, Janaki Perera

ABSENT: Mark Sternman, Mike Smith

DIRECTOR: Cathy Piantigini

CALL TO ORDER

President Van Sleet called the meeting of the Library Board of Trustees to order at 6:08 pm.

MINUTES

Carla Lillvik motioned to approve the minutes from May. Sarah Pascarella seconded and the minutes were unanimously adopted.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. The Teen Librarian at the Central Branch resigned, effective this Friday. There are currently 5 openings at the Somerville Libraries, hiring for two of these positions is frozen.
2. The budget advanced by the Mayor included level funding for the library but did not include funding for the security guard position. The Director anticipates using state aid to fund the security guard position again for fiscal year 2026.
3. Daily limits placed on the number of items borrowed for Hoopla.
4. The part arrived for the Central Branch Library, and the elevator company was on sight to do repairs today.
5. No new behavior incidents with the teens since the last meeting.
6. Drag Queen Storytime will be June 28th at 2:00 pm. There will be a Honk bank, a face painter, free popcorn, and a snow cone machine.
7. The Director is meeting with the strategic planning consultant on Monday.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. The Foundation met on Monday. They now have \$1 million cash in the bank. They are talking about hiring a fundraising consultant. They will continue to fund their literacy project, the library's strategic planning consulting, the citizenship class, and staff appreciation. The sale of the house is tied up in Land Court.
2. The Friends of the Public Library had a successful book sale last weekend. Pint night will be June 26th.

COMMITTEES

1. Communications Committee - Janaki Perera will draft a newsletter. The Trustees will post the newsletter on the library webpage and City webpage with the minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and no objection, the President declared the meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

NEXT MEETING: The next regular meeting of the Trustees will be held on September 10, 2025 at 6:00 pm. The open meeting will take place in the Director's Office at the Central Branch Library.

April Kuehnhoff, Secretary