

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
WASHINGTON COUNTY FREE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD IN PERSON AT THE ALICE VIRGINIA AND DAVID W. FLETCHER LIBRARY
March 12, 2025

Present:	Stephen Schutte, President Laurie Bender Kathy Oliver Kathy Kerns Kathy Poole (via Zoom) Aaron Peteranacz	Emeritus:	Al Martin
		Absent:	Kendra Stauch Kristine McGee
Staff Present:	Kathleen O'Connell Sara Baker (via Zoom) Laura Zeigler Lauren Buechmann Dakota Vaughn (LATI) Francisco Quintanilla (LATI)	Staff Absent:	Jennifer Keysor Elizabeth Hulett

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 PM by Mr. Schutte, the Board President.

Public Comment

No public comment

Introduction of LATI Students

Ms. Dakota Vaughn and Mr. Francisco Quintanilla were introduced by Mr. Stephen Schutte as LATI students. It was also noted that Mr. Quintanilla's art hangs outside of rooms 308/309 and was a generous donation from Mr. Quintanilla in 2013.

Minutes

The minutes of the January 8th, 2025 Board meeting were reviewed. Ms. Oliver moved to approve the minutes with a second by Ms. Bender, with a unanimous vote.

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Bakos noted her report was inclusive of all activities.

Director of Public Services Report

Ms. O'Connell stated her report was inclusive of all activities. It was noted to the Board that WCFL will soon have a social worker part time, through Community Action Council, and will be available to staff and patrons alike onsite.

Director of Operations

Ms. Bakos stated that Ms. Keysor's report was inclusive of all activities.

Director of Western Maryland Regional Library

Ms. Bakos stated that Ms. Hulett's report was inclusive of all activities.

Financial Statement

Ms. Bender presented the financial statements in Ms. Baker's absence. Ms. Bender presented the January 2025 financial statements for WCFL and WMRL.

Mr. Schutte moved to approve financial statements for WCFL and, and Ms. Oliver seconded the motion with unanimous approval.

Board Education – First Amendment and Censorship

Ms. Bakos gave a presentation on the First Amendment and Censorship.

Executive Session

Ms. Bender requested, per course, that the Board enter an Executive Session. Ms. Bender moved to order the Executive Session with the board, with a second from Mr. Schutte. Library staff excluding Ms. Bakos and Ms. Zeigler were excused. The Executive Session began at 12:51pm, and ended at 1:05pm, and staff were asked back to the meeting.

Policy and Personnel Committee

Ms. Oliver stated that 3 policies and procedures needed to be revised. Ms. Bakos stated that the policies have been revised and updated to reflect new verbiage. It was stated that

the new policies will be adopted as revised. Ms. Oliver called to have the policies adopted, with a second from Mr. Schutte.

Board Members' Comments

Poole – I appreciate the 1st Amendment presentation. It was very informative.

Kerns – I also appreciate the presentation. Woohoo for Williamsport, and I am excited about the social worker as it can help so many people.

Martin: I have an ask – Can we do more research on federal funding and things on the federal level that will affect us?

Schutte – A lot of news stateside; looking for funding for new projects.

Oliver – I share the appreciation for the 1st amendment presentation. I am also delighted to hear about Williamsport!

The meeting adjourned at 1:42pm. Mr. Schutte moved to approve, and Ms. Oliver seconded with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,
Jenny L. Bakos
Secretary