

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OSSINING PUBLIC LIBRARY
Special Meeting
January 9, 2025 – 6:00pm
2nd Floor Conference Room
53 Croton Ave., Ossining, NY

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

OPL BOT members physically present: Amanda Curley, Meghan Huppuch, Althema Goodson, Alice Joselow, Rachel Murphy, and Phil Rice

OPL BOT member absent with prior notice: Cecilia Quintero

OPL Staff physically present: Karen LaRocca-Fels, and Steve Hamilton

Others attending remotely via Zoom: OPL BOT Treasurer Jaime Aguirre, and Al Coster of Baldessari and Coster, LLC

Call to Order

Meghan Huppuch called the meeting to order at 6:06pm.

Meghan Huppuch read aloud the OPL Mission and Vision statements:

The Ossining Public Library enriches, connects, and inspires our community. The Ossining Public Library will be the community's center for lifelong learning.

Board Discussion

- Audit Review (Al Coster – Baldessari and Coster) – Board discussion with both Mr. Coster and Mr. Aguirre on the recent audit completed by Baldessari and Coster noted the excellent audit results, the OPL's strong financial stewardship and that the OPL is in excellent financial health. Both Mr. Coster and Mr. Aguirre left the meeting after completing this discussion.

- Legislative Advocacy – Board discussion focused on preparing introductory letters for our elected representatives to inquire about available funding and grants for which the OPL may be eligible with the goal to offset costs related to future bond related building expenses.

Meghan Huppuch requested a motion for the OPL BOT to enter Executive Session. Amanda Curley made a motion, and the motion was seconded by Alice Joselow and passed unanimously 6-0. At 7:01pm, the OPL BOT entered Executive Session.

Executive Session: To discuss legal matters regarding proposed, pending, or current litigation.

Meghan Huppuch requested a motion for the OPL BOT to exit Executive Session. Rachel Murphy made a motion, and the motion was seconded by Amanda Curley and passed unanimously 6-0. At 7:30pm, the OPL BOT exited Executive Session.

Meghan Huppuch requested a motion for the OPL BOT to adjourn the meeting. Althema Goodson made a motion, and the motion was seconded by Rachel Murphy and passed unanimously 6-0. At 7:35pm, the OPL BOT meeting was adjourned.