

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OSSINING PUBLIC LIBRARY
Special Meeting (Rescheduled from March 6, 2025)
March 13, 2025 – 6:00pm
2nd Floor Conference Room
53 Croton Ave., Ossining, NY

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

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

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

OPL Staff member attending remotely via Zoom: Molly Robbins

Others attending remotely via Zoom: Craig L. Olivo, Esq. (attending for Executive Session only)

Call to Order

Meghan Huppuch called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

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 Items:

1. 2025/2026 Budget Proposal

Karen LaRocca-Fels provided printed budget documents and verbally reviewed the BOT the proposed budget, line-by-line with the BOT.

2. Discussion of temporary library space for use during OPL building closure due to construction

Karen LaRocca-Fels provided the BOT with a verbal update on the status of the site visit – which included a few BOT members – and internal staff contingency planning discussions. BOT discussion focused on engaging a commercial realtor to take the lead in expanding the search for possible alternate locations and the BOT members reaching out to owners of possible alternate locations in the community that they are aware of to increase the search.

3. Building Project Meeting for Community Leaders

BOT discussion acknowledged that now is the time to begin planning dates and moving forward with outreach.

On a motion by Alice Joselow, seconded by Cecilia Quintero, and passed unanimously 7-0, the BOT entered Executive Session at 7:14pm.

Executive Session: To discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a

particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

On a motion by Meghan Huppuch, seconded by Cecilia Quintero, and passed unanimously 7-0, the BOT exited Executive Session at 7:40pm.

Adjournment

On a motion by Alice Joselow, seconded by Rachel Murphy, and passed unanimously 7-0, the BOT adjourned the meeting at 8:06pm.