

Newark Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

2025

Date: February 11, 2025

Board Member in Attendance: Keeley Kuperus, Joey Nicosia, Sue Oberdorf, Andrea Windus, Deb Barry, Becky Hauf, Chris Mizro

Board Member(s) Excused:

Board Member late / left early (time):

In Attendance: Tanya Taylor, Jennifer Stell, Peter Blandino, Kim Nevlezer, Wendy Beman, Casey Fox

Call to Order by Joey Nicosia at 6:01pm

Public Comment: No public attendance.

Secretary's Report: Review of minutes.

Motion to approve the secretary's report made by Becky and seconded by Sue and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Review of abstract, budget and Treasurer's report.

- Motion to acknowledge the financial transfers) completed by the Treasurer in the previous month, which is detailed in the Treasurer report, made by Deb, seconded by Andrea, passed unanimously.
- Motion to approve abstract made by Sue, seconded by Chris, and passed unanimously.
- Motion to approve budget report made by Becky, seconded by Deb, and passed unanimously.

Director's Report: No detailed review of Director's Reports in this meeting due to pressing voting items. Reports were emailed in advance of the meeting. No comments.

Committee Reports: No detailed review of Committee Reports in this meeting due to pressing voting items. Reports were emailed in advance of the meeting. No comments.

Old Business:

- Bylaws review:
 - Motion to remove line iv in Section 5 regarding the Finance Officer made by Becky and seconded by Chris, passed unanimously.
 - Motion to remove section 10 regarding Robert's Rules of Order made by Sue, seconded by Andrea and passed unanimously.
 - Motion to approve amended bylaws made by Keeley, seconded by Becky and passed unanimously
 - Based on this vote, the amended bylaws have been adopted on February 11, 2025.

New Business

- Tax Cap Override Resolution

Whereas the adoption of this 2025-2026 budget for the Newark Public Library requires a tax levy increase that exceeds the tax cap imposed by state law as outline in General Municipal Law Section 3-c adopted in 2011; and

Whereas General Municipal Law Section 3-c expressly permits the library board to override the tax levy limit by a resolution approved by a vote of sixty percent of qualified board members; now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Newark Public Library voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for 2025-2026 by at least the sixty percent of the board of trustees as required by state law on February 11, 2025.

- Motion to override the tax levy limit made by Keeley, seconded by Sue, and passed unanimously.
- Motion made to ask for a 1% tax levy increase made by Keeley, seconded by Sue, passed unanimously
 - Votes in favor: 7
 - Votes against: 0
 - Amendments:0
- Motion to approve the 2025-2026 budget as presented made by Keeley, seconded by Sue
 - Votes in favor: 7
 - Votes against: 0
 - Amendments: 0
- Motion to approve the hire of Lex Pritchard as Part-time Library Clerk – Program Assistant, paid \$15.75 an hour, effective February 26, 2025 made by Chris, seconded by Deb and passed unanimously.
- Motion to apply for the FFRPL Annual Grant and abide by the rules of the grant made by Becky, seconded by Keeley and passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:31pm made by Keeley, seconded by Andrea, passed unanimously

Next Meeting: Thursday March 13, 2025

Submitted by Keeley Kuperus