

Reading Public Library

Board of Trustees - Meeting Minutes



Date: June 15, 2026

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Reading Public Library commenced at 4:30 PM, Kaitlin Daley, President, presiding

Present: Kaitlin Daley, Salvador Sepulveda, Arielle Phillips-Law, Bernadette Berrios, Chris Phillips, Lucretia Brown, Keith Mooney, Michel Micozzi, Anthony Orozco, Jerry Richter, Sherry Cameron, Leo Hanley, Melissa Adams and Vicky Fuller.

Absent: Warren Weik, Alan Carman, and Rick Perez excused.

Guests: Becky Wanamaker and Marissa Guidara

Public Comment: None

Minutes: Motion to approve the May minutes was made by Chris Phillips and seconded by Keith Mooney. Approved.

Treasurers Report: Chris Phillips reported on behalf of Alan Carman. Chris discussed the cash flow and receipt of Tigh funds mid-June. The third quarter income will start arriving early July. Investments to date are doing well. Motion to accept the May Treasurer's Report was made by Salvador Sepulveda and seconded by Leo Hanley. Accepted.

Director's Report: Melissa mentioned she and Carolyn met with Jack and representatives from Comcast to discuss possible digital literacy funding opportunities. Summer@RPL started June 13 and runs until August 8. Free programs, reading challenges and chances to win prizes all summer long from children, adults, and families. We are initiating new procedures around grant requests and maintenance and reviewing possible new opportunities and funding sources. In partnership with Reading Pride, local artist young and old are invited to submit their original artwork for a chance to have their design featured on a limited edition RPL Library card. We are looking to partner with the Humane Society next year for the same. We have been experiencing ongoing elevator trouble at the Main Library. We are aware that a replacement is needed. We are working with the city and have provided two quotes. We received notice that we were awarded the Pulitzer on The Road (POTR) traveling exhibit grant. Official communication and details will be made by June 30.

District Services: Marissa Guidara stated that Summer Reading has begun at all libraries. She has been focusing on assisting other libraries summer reading programs and their readiness. Pages for Pets sponsor adoption will occur again this year. The next nature outing will be at Marsh Lake. Becky Wanamaker has been making visits to all the county libraries and meeting with their directors. We are wrapping up the District's Budget FY 25/26 and finalizing expenses. The fiscal year ends June 30.

Library Services: No Report

Facilities: Mike Micozzi reported that the 4th street ceiling project is completed. Kaitlin will speak to the DA about funding for security cameras.

Finance: Chris Phillips reported that there will be another meeting with Development to discuss potential revenue streams. The audit has been completed and the committee will meet with the auditor

to review on July 14. A roll call vote will be done for the audit's approval since the deadline to have it submitted to the Commonwealth Libraries office is in proximity to our next scheduled board meeting in September.

Development & Communication: Bernadette Berrios reported that the committee is finishing up with Celebrity Bartender. We received great media coverage as we raised over \$30,000. We are moving our focus on Summer@RPL while seeking a chair person for our Annual Appeal. Purse Bingo is being planned for November.

Governance: Arielle Phillips-Law discussed the onboarding for Trustees link that was provided in the board packet email. We are working towards helping new board members acclimate from being new to being integrated.

Executive Committee: No Report

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Sal's Trivia: What year was the first digital library established? Established in 1971, Project Gutenberg was the world's first digital library. It began with the digitization of the US Declaration of Independence.

Motion to adjourn was made Salvador Sepulveda and seconded by Keith Mooney.

Respectfully submitted as drafted by Vicky Fuller,



Keith Mooney
Secretary