

gates public library
Board of Trustees
August 26, 2026

Present: Kathleen Plum, Vice President; Mary Yates, Secretary; Wendy Heffer; Katie Mulla; Theresa May; Alex Collins; Christine Hunt; Sue Melia; Jennifer Erler-Perry, Library Director; and

Absent: Cathy Rappazzo, President; Alex Collins; Mike Boedicker, Assistant Library Director; and Andrew Loughlin, Town Councilman

1. **Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/President's Comments:** Trustee Plum, President called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Guest/Public Comments:** No guests/public in attendance
3. **Town Councilman's Comments:**
4. **Action Items:**
 - a. **Agenda Changes:** A motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Trustee May, seconded by Trustee Melia and carried unanimously.
 - b. **Motion to Approve Minutes:** A motion to approve the July 22, 2026 meeting minutes was made by Trustee May, seconded by Trustee Melia and carried unanimously.
 - c. **Motion to Approve the Personnel Report:** A motion to approve the July 2026 Personnel Report was made by Trustee Hunt seconded by Trustee Mulla and carried unanimously.
5. **Financial Review:**
 - a. Motion to approve the Year-to-Date Report (July) was made by Trustee Heffer, seconded by Trustee May and carried unanimously.
 - b. Motion to approve Bills to Be Paid: A motion to approve the August 2026 Claims #288-328, Accounts Payable Claims #27594-27601, Funds Transfer of HRA Retiree Medicare Premium, Funds Transfer of Payroll 15, 16 & 17 for a total of \$214,957.21 was made by Trustee Yates, seconded by Trustee Hunt and carried unanimously.
 - c. Motion to support the 2027 budget as presented pending completion of the Capital Improvement plan in September was made by Trustee Plum, seconded by Trustee Melia and carried unanimously.
 - d. Signatory for the September meeting will be Trustee Plum. Signatory for the October meeting will be Trustee Hunt.
6. **Reports:**
 - a. **Director's Report (highlights):**
 - a. Advocacy and Funding: Refer to the Director's Report included in the packet for highlights

- b. Community Impact Community: Refer to the Director's Report included in the packet for highlight.
- c. Programs and Events: Refer to the Director's Report included in the packet for highlight.
- d. Marketing: Refer to the Director's Report included in the packet for highlights
- e. Technology: Refer to the Director's Report included in the packet for highlights

b. **Director's Statistical Report:**

c. **Private Money Monthly Report:** No highlight reported.

d. **Circulation Report:** No highlight reported.

e. **Staff Highlights:** The staff highlights are included in the packet. Please review at your convenience.

7. **Items for Board Discussion:**

a. **Board Committees**

- a. Friends Report: No report
- b. Facilities/Operations report: No report
- c. Finance report: No report
- d. Nominating report: No report
- e. Personnel report: No report
- f. Policies report: No report

8. **Other Business:** None

Having no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee May, seconded by Trustee Melia; motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Bialaszewski
Recording Secretary