

FLORIDA PUBLIC LIBRARY
Annual Meeting Minutes – July 2, 2026

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I. Call to Order – 6:32 pm

Board Members Present: T. Carey, A. Harter, D. Arcieri, S. Kosior, N. Scott

Board Members Excused: S Taylor

Board Members Absent:

Also Present: M. Sgombick, D. Slesinski, B. Angell

Members of the Public: 7

Establish a quorum is present. Yes

II. Review & Approval of Agenda

Motion by S. Kosior seconded by T. Carey to approve the agenda for the July 2, 2026 meeting.

VOTE: YES 4 NO 0

III. Oaths of Public Office

A. Swearing in of Trustee Alison Harter

B. Motion by T. Carey seconded by D. Arcieri to appoint N. Scott as trustee beginning 7/1/26-6/30/27.

VOTE: YES 4 NO 0

C. Swearing in of Trustee Nancy Scott

IV. Report of Nominating Committee – Trustee Kosior presents the following slate of officers:

Slate of Election of Officers for Election:

President: Sara Taylor

Vice President: Tyler Carey

Secretary: Nancy Scott

Motion by D. Arcieri seconded by S. Kosior to approve the Slate of Officers for 2026-2027.

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

Vice President Carey presides.

V. Appointment of Treasurer

Motion by S. Kosior seconded by D. Arcieri to appoint Deborah Slesinski to the position of Treasurer for the 2026-2027 fiscal year with an honorarium of \$595.

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

VI. Oath of Public Office - Treasurer

Swearing in of Deborah Slesinski.

VII. Renewal of Certificates of Deposit from ConnectOne Bank

Motion by N. Scott seconded by D. Arcieri to approve the renewal of the two 7-month Certificate of Deposit accounts at Connect One Bank at the current market rate.

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

VIII. Standing Committee Appointments for 2026-2027

Finance: 1. Chairperson - N. Scott 2. D. Arcieri 3. T. Carey

Personnel: 1. Chairperson - A. Harter 2. S Kosior 3. D. Arcieri

Nominating: 1. Chairperson - S. Kosior 2. A. Harter 3. Vacant

House: 1. Chairperson - T. Carey 2. N. Scott 3. Vacant

Motion by D. Arcieri seconded by S. Kosior to approve the Standing Committees for 2026-2027.

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

VIII. Designation of Bank

Motion by N. Scott seconded by D. Arcieri to designate Webster Bank and Connect One as official depositories for library monies and for day-to-day operations, also any other bank located in the County of Orange and authorized to accept public monies, may be used for investment purposes.

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

IX. Appointment of Bookkeeper

Motion by T. Carey seconded by S. Kosior to appoint Christine Arner to the position of Bookkeeper for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, at a cost of \$4,560 (\$390 per month.)

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

X. Appointment of Attorney

Motion by D. Arcieri seconded by N. Scott to appoint J&G Law, LLP as attorney of record for 2026-2027.

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

XI. Appointment of Independent Auditor

Motion by S. Kosior seconded by D. Arcieri to appoint Nugent and Haeussler as independent auditors for 2026-2027.

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

XII. Fee for Use of the Library by Outside Groups

Motion by N. Scott seconded by A. Harter to charge outside groups a fee of \$15 per hour for use of the library.

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

XIII. Official Newspapers

Motion by D. Arcieri seconded by A. Harter to designate *The Warwick Valley Dispatch* and *The Goshen Independent* as the library's newspapers of record for legal notices.

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

XIV. Election Clerk

Motion by N. Scott seconded by T. Carey to appoint Beth Harcum Pskowski as Election Clerk for the purpose of overseeing and making all arrangements for the 2027 library election.

VOTE: YES NO

XV. Annual Budget Vote and Trustee Election

Motion by S. Kosior seconded by A. Harter to hold the annual budget vote and trustee election on Thursday, April 8, 2027 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

XVI. Tax Cap Override Resolution

Motion by N. Scott seconded by S. Kosior to adopt the following resolution:

Whereas, the adoption of the 2027-2028 budget for the Florida Public Library may require a tax levy increase that exceeds the tax cap imposed by state law as outlined 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 resolution approved by a vote of sixty percent of the qualified board members, now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Florida Public Library voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for 2027-2028 by at least sixty percent of the Board of Trustees as required by state law on July 2, 2026.

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

XVII. Board Meetings

Per the bylaws, the Board of Trustees shall designate a day and time for monthly board meetings.

Motion by D. Arcieri seconded by N. Scott to designate the first Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. as the meeting day and time for monthly board meetings.

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

XVIII. Signatories on Library Checks

Motion by S. Kosior seconded by T. Carey to authorize President Taylor and Treasurer Slesinski to be signatories on any checks issued by the Florida Public Library, either signature alone being valid, for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year.

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

XIX. Conflict of Interest Forms – Please sign and return to Library Director.

XX. Adjournment

Motion by N. Scott seconded by D. Arcieri to adjourn at 6:59 p.m.

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0