

Library Board of Trustee Minutes from the Meeting on February 9, 2026

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:03pm.

Announcement of Compliance with OPML: Notice of this meeting was included in the annual schedule of meetings that was approved by the Board of Trustees at their monthly meeting on Monday, December 08, 2025. The annual schedule of meetings was advertised December 17, 2025 by the Ocean City Sentinel and December 18, 2025 by the AC Press, posted on the Library's website, on bulletin boards inside the Library and in the City Clerk's office.

Attendance: Jennifer Shirk, Fred Marcell, Dr. Pritchard, Lauren Cowden, Mike Dattilo, Ron Denney, Christian Angelillo, Mike Allegretto. Karen Mahar, Kathryn Brown, Steve Barse.

Approval of the Minutes: A motion was made by Cowden to approve the minutes from the January 2026 meeting with a second from Angelillo. All present were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Pritchard reviewed the report.
(See motion below)

Action on Bills: Pritchard reviewed the bills.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills was made by Angelillo and seconded by Marcell. All present were in favor by roll call.

(Angelillo was excused at 4:38pm)

New Business: A. Presentation of Strategic Plan 2026-2030: members of WiserLink presented the results of research and data gathering to the board members along with their conclusions.

1. After a brief discussion, Pritchard moved to accept the 2026-2030 Strategic Plan with a second from Cowden. All present were in favor.

B. Res. Establishing Operating Budget for 2026: Mahar reviewed the budget. Dattilo moved to approve the budget as presented with a second from Marcell. All present were in favor by roll call.

President's Report: Shirk noted an article in the Sentinel marking the MLK award that she and Pritchard received and thanked all who attended the ceremony. May 3, 2026 will be a day recognizing Wellness and will host speaker, John Edward Heath.

Director's Report: Programs include "Maker Mondays" and STEM workshops hosted by OCHS seniors.

A. Personnel: One part-time employee was hired for the Computer Center at \$16/hour and one part-time, Library Assistant was hired for the Circulation Department at minimum wage.

B. Bookmobile: Regular stops continue.

Communications/Correspondence: None.

Friends and Volunteers Report: A deposit check was mailed to the author for the luncheon in the fall. The Tea will be held April 30, 2026. The next book sale is on March 13th and 14th. Books have been purchased for Read Across America. The group extended thanks for computer hardware.

Building Issues: Snow removal allowed parking in the 17th street lot.

Old Business: None.

Public Comment: None.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Pritchard and seconded by Cowden at 5:11pm. All present were in favor.