

Library Board of Trustee Minutes from the Meeting on January 12, 2026

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:10pm.

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, Anne Guy (4:20pm via zoom), Ron Denney, Christian Angelillo, Mike Allegretto. Karen Mahar, Kathryn Brown, Steve Barse.

- A. Res. Election of Officers for 2026: Pritchard moved to approve the slate as follows with a second from Angelillo: Pres.; Shirk, VP; Marcell, Treas.; Pritchard, Sect.; Cowden. The motion passed with all present in favor.

Approval of the Minutes: A motion was made by Angelillo to approve the regular minutes from the December 2025 meeting with a second from Denney. All present were in favor.

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

Action on Bills: Reviewed with nothing of note.

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

President's Report: The 2026 committee members will remain the same as in 2025. The strategic plan will be presented in February. Shirk and Pritchard are scheduled to receive an MLK award.

Director's Report: Author Liz Moore will visit in June. Programming continues including a collab between the Bookmobile and Stainton Kids. The Holiday Festival was a huge success with over 400 in attendance.

- A. **Personnel:** Two part-time employees are to be hired for the Circ Desk and the Computer Center at \$15.69 and \$16.00 per hour, respectively.
- B. **Bookmobile:** Collab planned with Stainton Kids.

Communications/Correspondence: None.

Friends and Volunteers Report: None.

Building Issues: The parking lot across 17th street is almost ready for use.

Old Business: None.

New Business: A. Res. 2026 Temp. Budget: Cowden moved to approve with a second from Angelillo. All present were in favor.

- B. Res. 2026 Auditing Services Contract: Marcell moved to approve Ford, Scott and Assoc., LLC with a second from Cowden. All present were in favor.
- C. Res. Approving Official Papers for 2026: Angelillo moved to approve the Sentinel and Press as official papers for the OCFPL for 2026 with a second from Denney. All present were in favor.
- D. Res. Cash Mgt. 2026: Pritchard moved to establish a petty cash fund for 2026 with a second from Denney. All present were in favor.
- E. Res. Advertising Contract 2026: Marcell moved to approve WiserLink for advertising and marketing for 2026 with a second from Pritchard. All present were in favor.
- F. Res. Legal Services 2026: Guy moved to approve a legal services contract for 2026 with the law office of Stephen D. Barse, LLC with a second from Marcell. All present were in favor.
- G. Res. Custodial Services 2026: Dattilo moved to approve a custodial services contract with PCS for 2026 with a second from Pritchard. All present were in favor.

Public Comment: None.

Authorization to Enter Closed Executive Session to discuss Wage increases for Non-Union Employees: Angelillo moved with a second from Allegretto. All present were in favor.

Authorization to Return to Regular Session where action is to be taken: Marcell moved to return to regular session at 5:27pm with a second from Guy. All present were in favor.

- A. Res. Approving Wage Increases for full-time and part-time non-union employees: Angelillo moved to approve the increases as discussed in closed session with a second from Pritchard. All present were in favor by roll call vote.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Dattilo and seconded by Allegretto at 5:31pm. All present were in favor.