

MINUTES

OCPL Board of Trustees' Meeting

May 20, 2026

Central Library, Board Room

4:00 p.m.

ATTENDING

M. Bilbo Coughlin

E. Kochian

S. Edelstein

B. Lane

J. Hurst-Wahl

M. Mahar

E. James Mbuqe

T. Mulvey

ABSENT

D. Dixie

L. Dyer

ALSO PRESENT

B. Berthel

V. Massulik

M. Carter

A. Perrine

D. Dell

S. Rorer

R. Gilbert

A. Schiavulli

K. Lighton

WELCOME

Mr. Edelstein called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. James Mbuqe moved the consent agenda, which includes the minutes from the April 15, 2026 meeting.

Mr. Kochian seconded; motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution: 26-20

(Withdrawn)

Resolved, That the OCPL Board of Trustees approves the submission of the 2026 State Annual Reports for the Onondaga County Public Library: for Public and Association Libraries.

This motion has been withdrawn due to the need for Board review. It will be brought back for a vote next month.

Resolution: 26-21

Ms. Lane moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the OCPL Board of Trustees approves the grant application submission for a TNT Special Project Grant for Betts Branch Library. The budget for this grant will be \$300. If awarded, funding will go towards an interactive storytelling program presented by Perry Ground, educator and master storyteller at the Onondaga Nation.

Ms. Hurst-Wahl seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Resolution: 26-22

Ms. Bilbo Coughlin moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the OCPL Board of Trustees accepts the grant funds of \$2,000 from the Central New York Library Resources Council for a Catalyst Grant for the Central Library Makerspace. It will go towards a series of multimedia workshops using a wide range of video cameras and editing software to enhance participants' media literacy, production skills, and creative self-expression through hands-on music and video making.

Ms. Lane seconded; motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

Focused Executive Director Updates

Ms. Perrine gave highlights from her report, including updates regarding the Petit Community Room project, Central Library security, Strategic Pathways, advocacy, upcoming library events, and current operational updates. The Board discussed matters raised in the Executive Director's report. No formal action was taken.

Board President Updates

Mr. Edelstein gave highlights from his report and reminded trustees that committee discussions should remain within the purpose of the committee or be brought to the Board President or full Board as appropriate. No formal action was taken.

Committee Reports

- Policy Committee – 1st Consideration – Personnel Policy
Ms. Hurst-Wahl spoke about our Personnel policies being County Personnel policies. She is looking for feedback in terms of things that may not be suitable for the library. This will be brought back next month for 2nd Consideration and a vote.
- Finance Committee – Ms. Lane gave highlights from the committee report, including discussion of investment options and CenterState CEO membership. No formal action was taken.
- Government Relations Committee – No report.
- Executive Committee – No report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion

Mr. Mulvey made the following motion:

Resolution: 26-23

Be it Resolved, that per Section 105 of the Public Officers Law, this board shall now move into executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person. Attendance at this executive session will also include non-board members Amanda Perrine and Bill Berthel.

Ms. Lane seconded; motion passed unanimously.

The Board entered Executive Session at 5:10 p.m.

At 5:32 p.m. Ms. Bilbo Coughlin motioned that the Executive session end and re-enter the open meeting. Ms. James Mbuqe seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

No actions were taken in the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Mulvey moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Bilbo Coughlin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Edelstein adjourned the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Paine Branch * Petit Branch * Soule Branch * White Branch