ORANGEBURG LIBRARY - BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Monday, October 19, 2026

Quorum

A quorum was declared present based on the presence of the following Trustees:

	Present	Absent
Judy Bivona, President (JB)	x	
Patricia Lifrieri, Vice-President (PL)	x	
Maureen Hayes, Secretary (MH)	x	
Alfredo Castro, Treasurer (AC)	x	
Chris Blanker, Trustee (CB)	x	
Neil Doherty, Trustee (ND)	x	
Dennis Donohue, Trustee (DD)		x
Pamela Gunning, Trustee (PG)	x	
Syed Rizvi, Trustee (SR)		x

Staff:

Michele Galle-Looram, Director (MGL)	x	

The Meeting was open to the members of the public.

Call to Order

The Board President, Judy Bivona, called the Regular Monthly Meeting of October 19, 2026, to order at 6:36 p.m.

Review of the Minutes

Motion to approve the Minutes from the September 21st Library Board meeting; motion by PL; seconded by CB; No abstentions and unanimously carried by the quorum of Trustees.

Checks over $1,000

Reviewed checks over $1,000. Motion to approve checks; motion by MH; seconded by ND. No abstentions and unanimously carried by the quorum of Trustees.

Director's Report

Reviewed.

Operational Matters

Motion to update the bylaws Article 1, Section 3, defining the library's chartered service area. Motion by PG, seconded by PL. No abstentions and unanimously carried by the quorum of Trustees.

Committee Reports

Nominating Committee member CB will contact SR to confirm that he is not planning to run for board member when his term expires at the end of 2026.

Unfinished Business

At the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Orangeburg Library on October 19, 2026, the following resolution was proposed and approved by the board:

Whereas, the adoption of the 2027 budget for the Orangeburg 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 a resolution approved by a vote of sixty percent of qualified board members; now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Orangeburg Library voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for 2027 by at least sixty percent of the board of trustees as required by state law on Monday, October 19, 2026.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Orangeburg Library hereby approves a request to the South Orangetown Central School District (SOCSD) for a combined additional $225,000 in operating funds for the five libraries within the District, to be submitted to the voters through a proposition under Education Law §259 for the 2027/2028 fiscal year, with the allocations as presented, of which the Orangeburg Library would receive $45,750.

Motion to approve the above-mentioned; motion by CB; seconded by AC; No abstentions and unanimously carried by the quorum of Trustees.

Annual NYS required training for board members must be completed by the end of 2026.

Motion to approve RCLS budget; motion by PG; seconded by PL; No abstentions and unanimously carried by the quorum of Trustees.

MGL will compile a list of future improvements needed for the library building/interior.

New Business

Motion to approve the 2027 Holiday Schedule; motion by MH; seconded by PG; No abstentions and unanimously carried by the quorum of Trustees.

Motion to approve the 16-month term CD at Palisades Federal Savings Bank; motion by PL; seconded by PG; No abstentions and unanimously carried by the quorum of Trustees.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the Library Board meeting until the next scheduled meeting on November 16, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.; motion by PG; seconded by CB; no abstentions and unanimously carried by the quorum of Trustees. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:

Maureen Hayes

October 22, 2026