

**Rochester Hills Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
July 8, 2025**

- I. The Board of Trustees of the Rochester Hills Public Library held a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 8, 2025. The President called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the boardroom of the library. The presiding officer was Bob Bonam.

A quorum of the board included Melinda Deel, Anne Kucher, Madge Lawson, and Harper West. Julianne Reyes entered the meeting at 7:12pm, and she had communicated prior to the meeting that she anticipated arriving late.

Guests included Library Director Juliane Morian, Oakland Township Library Board Liaison Jim Kiefer, and City of Rochester Liaison Lauren Coleman.

One member of the public was present.

- II. Public Comments - none
- III. Presentation by HGA architects on the Library Journal Design Institute conference summary
- A. After the presentation concluded, there was minor discussion among the board about the benefits of working with an architect throughout various stages of building improvement phases.
- IV. Approval of the Agenda
- A. On a motion by Ms. West, which Ms. Deel seconded, the board unanimously approved the agenda as presented with no additional discussion.
- V. Minutes
- A. On a motion by Ms. West, which Ms. Kucher seconded, the board unanimously approved the meeting minutes from June 10, 2025 with no changes or additional discussion.
- VI. The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and filed.
- VII. Monthly Bills
- A. On a motion by Ms. Kucher, which Ms. Deel seconded, the board unanimously approved paying the monthly bills in the amount of \$427,060.12 with no additional discussion.
- VIII. Communications
- A. The board reviewed and filed the communications with no major discussion.
- IX. Reports
- A. The board reviewed and filed the director's report and the statistical report.
 - 1. Ms. Morian clarified that the elevator modernization bids were received on June 26th.

2. Ms. Morian provided a recommendation to work with the potential owner's agent, Andrew Roy as a consultant on the elevator modernization bids. The board supported the idea of asking Mr. Roy to attend an upcoming board meeting and provide his insight on the elevator project.
- B. The board reviewed and filed the 2025 Midyear Strategic Plan Update with some discussion.
 1. Ms. Kucher said she was pleased to see a strong commitment to community programs and partnerships.
 2. Ms. Lawson asked about staffing levels, and Ms. Morian stated that RHPL averages 110 employees, noting that 70 staff members are part-time, hourly team members.
 3. Ms. West asked about staff volunteers for the Green Committee as she was pleased to see that committee moving forward.
 4. Ms. West asked about the prior relationship between RHPL and Rochester Hills TV. Ms. Morian said that in the past staff would film commercial-like promotions for RHPL events that would run on the local government channel. That stopped since COVID but RHPL would like to revive that practice and the PR team is working on that.
- X. Committee Reports
 - A. Finance Committee Meeting
 1. The Finance Committee reported that they met on June 30, 2025 for an in-depth review of the proposed 2026 RHPL Budget. Ms. Morian presented two versions of the proposed budget for 2026, one that assumes new contracts are approved by the City of Rochester and Oakland Township Library Board and one represents the worst case scenario if Oakland Township residents do not approve a new millage and the OTLB is unable to sign a new contract. Ms. Morian confirmed a public hearing on either budget is set for August 6, 2025.
- XI. Other Business
 - A. The board reviewed the proposed language of a long-term contract to present to the City of Rochester.
 1. Mr. Bonam asked if it was reviewed by the library's attorney and Ms. Morian stated that it was vetted by the library's attorney and the City of Rochester's attorney as well.
 - B. On a motion by Ms. Lawson that was seconded by Ms. Reyes, the board unanimously approved the long-term contract for new contract terms with the City of Rochester and with no additional discussion and directed Ms. Morian to present it to the Rochester City Council this month.
- XII. Board Comments
 - A. Ms. Kucher thanked Ms. Morian for preparing two budget plans for 2026 that showed how revenue and expenditures would be affected by Oakland Township not approving a new contract.

- B. Ms. West relayed that she learned that a former RHPL board member and past president, Priscilla Hidlum attended her church and relayed to the board that she was doing great.
- C. Ms. Lawson thanked Mr. Kiefer for sharing the informational mailer that OTLB commissioned for their residents to announce the special election. Ms. Lawson felt it was well done.
- D. Ms. Deel thanked Ms. Morian and the entire staff at RHPL for arranging an enjoyable ribbon cutting ceremony for the new bookmobile and a successful summer reading kick-off. The board discussed how delightful it was to have an ice cream truck at the summer reading kick-off and thanked the Friends of the Library for underwriting that program expense. She also expressed praise for the Oakland Township special election mailer.

XIII. Questions and Comments from the Liaisons

- A. Ms. Coleman commented that she was excited to have Rochester City Council take action on a new contract as early as July.
- B. Mr. Kiefer commented that he was appreciative of the RHPL marketing team for consulting on the Oakland Township special election informational flier. He also said that he attended the Festival of the Hills fireworks event and spotted the RHPL bookmobile from afar noting that it was very eye-catching and it appeared to have a number of people visiting that station that evening with good foot traffic.

XIV. The regular meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Julianne Reyes, Secretary