

Attleboro Public Library Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes November 12, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Diane Mangiaratti at 6:30 p.m.

ATTENDEES

Trustees: Bill Gill, Cindy Lorincz, Judy Lusk, Diane Mangiaratti, Charlie Oliver, David Pierce, Tobey Reed, Tricia Svendsen

Library Director: Amy Rhilinger

APL Staff: Cindy McDonough

1. Introductions

Cindy McDonough - Business Office Administrator

2. Minutes of October Meeting

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the October meeting as presented.

The motion passed.

3. Business Required by Law

None

4. Treasurer's Report

Warrant #2 in the amount of \$3,664.43 was presented.

The balance in the Santander account is \$4,593.76. The Rockland Trust Account shows a value of \$2,056,582.00.

Charlie made a motion to accept the Warrant and transfer the amount of the Warrant to the checking account. It was approved.

5. Committee Reports

Policy Committee

The Policy Committee presented the draft of the updated Unattended Children Policy. There was discussion on details of the draft, and Amy will be checking with Peter Mello, the city solicitor, for advice on policy wording. There was a motion to accept the draft for the time being with the addition of "and mishandling" to the listing of disruptive behavior in the second bullet. It was approved.

6. Director's Report

Amy submitted a written report commenting on the following:

- The HVAC still needs repairs.
- A new system to document incidents involving challenging interactions with patrons has been implemented.
- Outreach into the community continues even as staff are packing up for their move from the building for the flooring installation.
- During the closure of the Library in December
 - Jessica Spence, the city Social Worker, will be in City Hall.
 - Krystal will be visiting second graders at their schools during December.
 - Four hours a week Library staff will be at City Hall to assist patrons with questions and provide book bundles.

- Some staff will be taking vacation time during the closure.
- Most staff will be located at Richardson School.
- It is hoped that the Library will reopen January 5.
- Patrons have made supportive comments about the closing / disruption of service and have even made offers to help with the move.
- There was a negative Google Review, critical of the Library and its staff, that Amy has forwarded to the Mayor and the Police Chief.

7. Unfinished Business

Strategic Plan Update

Nothing new

8. New Business

A. Potential Board Member

Renee Danho spoke to Amy and expressed interest in joining the Board when there is an opening.

B. Board Records

Charlie has volunteered many hours boxing up years and years of records of the Board of Trustees that are stored in the Library.

C. Amy mentioned that Bill Gill has volunteered time handling janitorial duties while TJ, the custodian, has been on vacation.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Next meeting: December 10, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. It will be held at Richardson School.

Respectfully submitted,
Tricia Svendsen