

TOMPKINS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
JULY 22, 2025

TCPL Board Members Present: Kathy Weinberg, President; Lis Chabot, Darrell Long, Shelly Wong, Jason Kovari, Laura Krauss, Carrie Bauer, Reyna Florentino-Gambrell, Beth Osborne, Nina Scholtz, Christina Brewington

Trustees Excused: Sarah Clausen, Emily Hopkins

Also Present: Susan Currie, Interim Director; Tonya VanCamp, Business Manager; Kerry Barnes, TCPL Foundation Executive Director; Mary McKeon, Administrative Manager; Kat Savage, YS Dept. Head; Brian Sasser, Communications Manager; Rich John, County Legislator

With a quorum, the meeting is convened at 4:01 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF AGENDA DOC 25-45

A **MOTION** was made by J. Kovari seconded by C. Brewington to approve the agenda as amended. Approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

APPROVAL OF JUNE 24, 2025 MINUTES DOC 25-46

A **MOTION** was made by D. Long and seconded by S. Wong. Approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

I, Treasurer, Lisabeth Chabot, in keeping with New York State Education Law, certify that I have reviewed payroll #13 dated 6/26/25 and #14 dated 7/10/25 totaling \$129,610.93. I have reviewed all vouchers presented for payment, and that all disbursements are within the approved operating budget of the library and therefore recommend that the Board of Trustees approve for payment July 2025 bills in the amount of \$248,540.24 as listed in Abstracts #19, #20 and #21.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

We have two vacancies on the Board and will have another two at the end of this year. We will be organizing a Board Nominating Committee. If any Trustee is interested in being on the Nomination Committee, please let Susan know.

The Circulation desk is now open. Many thanks to Kate DeVoe, Tom Fredette, and the Circulation staff. And thanks also to County Facilities and FE Technology. We are receiving positive feedback and thanks from the community.

We are looking at the staffing needed for ordering and processing new materials for the collections. We are working with FLLS on rebuilding the collection and need to have trained

staff for this. Thank you to Regina DeMauro, who has been the librarian in charge of ordering and processing the TCPL Collection for the last two years. Regina was the inaugural Teen Services Librarian who participated in the 2015-2017 Capital Campaign for the Makerspace and Teen Room and implemented operations for both. We wish her the best of luck as she pursues a Digital Humanities degree from the University of Bologna in Italy.

Programming is going well at TCPL with a LOT going on in Youth Services for the Summer Reading program. We are also planning a history program series in collaboration with the County Historian, TCPL's Local History librarian, Meghan Malloy and a Cornell Law professor. The program series will include programs on the Bill of Rights, Voting, Citizenship and Immigration.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

S. Currie, L. Chabot and T. VanCamp and I met with Finger Lakes Library System to make sure we are in step with FLLS. It was a very productive meeting.

### LIAISON REPORTS

**County-** R. John has no report but will check in after the budget meeting with County Administrator; Korsah Akumfi

**Foundation** – The Foundation's fourth Silent Reading Party was held on Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup> in The Backyard at Northstar House. In spite of steamy and stormy weather, readers enjoyed silent reading, delicious snacks and cocktails under the awning. The raffle raised the most yet, thanks in large part to the Friends of TCPL who donated a much-coveted \$50 book sale gift certificate.

The Foundation is also finalizing details for READATHON 2025- now scheduled for Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> to coincide with the first day of the Fall Book Sale and the final day of Banned Books Week. The Foundation is working with the Friends on promotional ideas to drive individuals both to shop at the Book Sale and give to support READATHON Reader-Fundraisers. For more information, to donate to a Reader-Fundraiser, or register to participate, please go to: <https://bit.ly/TCPLReadathon2025>.

**Friends** – The Friends are in between the spring and fall booksales with many of donations.

A **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting by J. Kovari and seconded by L. Krauss at 5:25 p.m. Carried unanimously.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

A **MOTION** was made by D. Long and seconded by J. Kovari to move into Executive Session at 4:44pm. Approved unanimously.

No votes took place.

A **MOTION** was made by S. Wong and seconded by B. Osborne was made to come out of Executive Session at 5:23pm. Approved unanimously.

A **MOTION** was made by L. Krauss to adjourn the meeting and seconded by C. Brewington at 5:25pm. Approved unanimously.

Minutes by Mary McKeon  
Administrative Manager

Endorsed by  
Secretary