

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Maywood Public Library was held on January 21, 2026, in the Hackbarth Auditorium at the Library.

In accordance with the requirements of the Sunshine Law of the State of New Jersey, the area newspapers have been properly notified of this meeting.

President Stathis called the meeting to order at 6:18 PM.

The following were present:

Trustees: M. Stathis, B. Dugan, E. Engel, A. Sabatini, N. Jengo, K. Smith

Library Director: C. Hull

Superintendent Appointee: Lynn Soriano (left at 6:50 for School Board Meeting)

Friends: Helene Trinko-Faustini

The following were absent:

Mayor: R. Bolan

Council Liaison: J. DeMuro

Trustees: R. Stuetz

**Reorganization**

a) Election of Officers

Motion to nominate M. Stathis as President made by Engel, second by Smith. Motion carries.

Motion to nominate E. Engel as Vice President made by Stathis, second by Jengo. Motion carries.

Motion to nominate B. Dugan as Secretary made by Stathis, second by Engel. Motion carries.

Motion to nominate R. Stuetz as Treasurer made by Stathis, second by Sabatini. Motion carries.

b) 2026 Committees

Committee Assignments:

Strategy - Jengo, Stuetz, Sabatini

Building/ Construction - Engel, DeMuro

Budget - Stuetz, Engel

Advocacy/ PR - Dugan, Sabatini, Hull

Policy - Dugan, Stuetz, Sabatini

c) 2026 Resolutions

• **2026-01 ESTABLISH THE ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

Motion to accept as presented made by Stathis, second by Sabatini. Motion carried.

	Stathis	Engel	Dugan	Jengo	Sabatini	Stuetz	Smith	DeMuro
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	

• **2026-02 AUTHORIZE HOURS OF OPERATION**

Motion to accept as presented made by Stathis, second by Sabatini. Motion carried.

	Stathis	Engel	Dugan	Jengo	Sabatini	Stuetz	Smith	DeMuro
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- **2026-11 RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH PETTY CASH ACCOUNTS**

Motion to accept as presented made by Stathis, second by Sabatini. Motion carried.

	Stathis	Engel	Dugan	Jengo	Sabatini	Stuetz	Smith	DeMuro
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	

- **2026-12 RESOLUTION TO MAINTAIN MEMBERSHIP IN THE BERGEN COUNTY COOPERATIVE LIBRARY SYSTEM (BCCLS)**

Motion to accept as presented made by Stathis, second by Sabatini. Motion carried.

	Stathis	Engel	Dugan	Jengo	Sabatini	Stuetz	Smith	DeMuro
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	

- **2026-13 AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN PAYROLL**

Motion to accept as presented made by Stathis, second by Sabatini. Motion carried.

	Stathis	Engel	Dugan	Jengo	Sabatini	Stuetz	Smith	DeMuro
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	

- **2026-14 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF REASONABLE AND CUSTOMARY BILLS IN THE EVENT OF A RECESS OR ABSENCE OF QUORUM**

Motion to accept as presented made by Stathis, second by Sabatini. Motion carried.

	Stathis	Engel	Dugan	Jengo	Sabatini	Stuetz	Smith	DeMuro
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	

**Minutes**

Motion to accept the minutes of the December 17, 2025, meeting moved by Stathis, seconded by Engel. Motion carried.

	Stathis	Engel	Dugan	Jengo	Sabatini	Stuetz	Smith	DeMuro
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	

**Public Portion - none**

**Friends Report**

- 1) PBS will show a documentation on banned books on February 9th
- 2) Helene found some pre-1950s books (vintage) and will try to find their value

**Correspondence -**

Director Hull received an email of complaint from Mindy Greenberg about having the leave the young adult area before children were present. The policy was explained to the patron on the day of their visit. She also complained that the staff were loud and unhelpful.

**Director's Report**

- 1) 2025 saw a 2.5% increase in circulation. Most of that was due to e-content. The number of programs offered increased by 60% and attendance increased 50%.

- 2) Amanda created “2025 wrapped” for the library (a play on Spotify’s year end report) and it was well received by the public.
- 3) The new chairs for the adult area will arrive in March.
- 4) We have had one vendor look at the amphitheater stairs and are waiting for a quote. We will still need a second quote.
- 5) A goal for 2026 is to find out how to get more books for YA circulation. We will include the YA community/patrons in the Focus Groups.
- 6) The lights in the stacks are out. The suggestion is to update them to LED.

**December 2025 Bill List**

a) Prestige: 23 items amounting to \$15,262.22

Moved to accept by Stathis, seconded by Engel. Motion carried.

	Stathis	Engel	Dugan	Jengo	Sabatini	Stuetz	Smith	DeMuro
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	

b) Hackbarth: 18 items amounting to \$6940.42

Moved to accept by Stathis, seconded by Engel. Motion carried.

	Stathis	Engel	Dugan	Jengo	Sabatini	Stuetz	Smith	DeMuro
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	

c) We discussed the Return of Funds form. There are no funds to return. Moved to accept by Stathis, seconded by Engel. Motion carried.

	Stathis	Engel	Dugan	Jengo	Sabatini	Stuetz	Smith	DeMuro
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	

d) The updated capital plan for 2026 was discussed. Motion to approve the plan for 2026 moved by Stathis, seconded by Smith. Motion carried.

	Stathis	Engel	Dugan	Jengo	Sabatini	Stuetz	Smith	DeMuro
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	

e) Motion to reserve \$53,000 in the Capital Funds account, moved to accept by Stathis, seconded by Smith. Motion carried.

	Stathis	Engel	Dugan	Jengo	Sabatini	Stuetz	Smith	DeMuro
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	

**Committee Reports -**

The Strategic Plan committee is meeting on 1/21 after the Board meeting to discuss Focus Groups.

**Old Business - none**

**New Business**

Motion to move to Closed Session to discuss salary for employees, made by Stathis, seconded by Jengo. Motion carried.

	Stathis	Engel	Dugan	Jengo	Sabatini	Stuetz	Smith	DeMuro
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	

Motion to return to Open Session, made by Dugan, seconded by Sabatini. Motion carried.

	Stathis	Engel	Dugan	Jengo	Sabatini	Stuetz	Smith	DeMuro
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	

Motion to adopt the 2026 Budget (Version 2), including increases in salary for employees as discussed in Closed Session, moved by Stathis, seconded by Jengo. Motion carried.

	Stathis	Engel	Dugan	Jengo	Sabatini	Stuetz	Smith	DeMuro
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	

Stathis moved to adjourn at 7:55PM, seconded by Smith. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bina Dugan, Secretary