Rutherford Public Library Board of Trustees
Minutes for April 21, 2026 Meeting 7:00PM

Open Meeting Held: Library Auditorium
Optional Zoom Meeting ID 842 9475 4177 & Password 974544

1. Roll Call

Trustees Present	Ms. Marisa Ackermann – Zoom Ms. Wendy Armacost Mr. Jimmy Rizzo - Zoom Ms. Monica Rodriguez Mr. Charles Ryan - Zoom Mr. Palmer Yale - Zoom
Absent	Ms. Kim Bogosian Ms. Stephanie Kivich Ms. Krista Vellis
Staff Present	Ms. Gretchen Corsillo
Others Present	Mr. Ian Doris, Attorney
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Ms. Rodriguez

2. Provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act

Ms. Armacost read the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

3. President's Report

A. Agenda

Motion: To approve the agenda for tonight's meeting
Moved: Armacost Seconded: Ackermann
For: Ackermann, Armacost, Rizzo, Rodriguez, Ryan, Yale
Against:
Abstain:

B. Approval of the minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the March 17, 2026, open meeting
Moved: Armacost Seconded: Ackermann
For: Ackermann, Armacost, Yale
Against:
Abstain: Rizzo, Rodriguez, Ryan

4. Hearing of the citizens

Ms. Rodriguez opened the meeting to the hearing of the citizens. Seeing none, she closed the meeting.

5. Correspondence – None

6. Director's Report

Ms. Corsillo reported:

- Facilities – Boiler repairs are complete. We started the A/C last week when it was hot but it's off again now. Reiner was able to find out who originally sold us the controls for the system. We are trying to get them out for a site visit. There is another state contract vendor who is a possibility too.
    - The architect is working on drawings now for the mezzanine accessibility project.
- Finance – final budget presentation. The Borough has cut the budget request by $20,000. We think we will be ok with the salary line. This would be $14,446 over the mandatory third mil minimum. We want to keep that in mind for future.
    - Borough is voting on the final budget next week.
- The Rutherford Garden Club reached out about hosting a seed library here. Other libraries have one. We will have little packets of seeds that people can take. We may be able to take donations later, but we want to be sure nothing is invasive or contaminated etc.
    - This will be next to the front desk.
    - Another unique offering and partnering with another town group.
- Pride Fest – the Library and the Friends will have separate tables.
- We have lost a part-time employee, so we are hiring to fill those hours. Our reference librarian Rhoda will be retiring June 30th. She's been here over 30 years and is a great resource of local history. Right now the position is reference librarian, but we will shift it to adult services, which will include programs and collection development
    - Maybe we can do some sort of small celebration, perhaps a public proclamation from the Mayor and Council. She doesn't want a big public event.
    - There is a Circulation employee who is graduating with her Masters, so there may be a natural fit there.
- The Friends of the Library did amazing with their mini golf fundraiser. Gross was over $16,000, net over $13,000 which is about $2,000 more than last year. They have a couple of ideas about how they can make more next year. Rosemary and Ms. Corsillo presented to BCCLS about it and everyone was so interested in it.
    - Book sale, 2nd week in April. Seemed a bit slower than usual foot traffic, but the choices available were good.
    - They want to replace the screen in the glass room with the $2,500 left from what they have left from Ida Borroto's bequest.

7. Committee Reports

A. Finance

1. Payment of April bills

Motion: To approve payment of bills enclosed in packet, with additions
Moved: Armacost Seconded: Ackermann
For: Ackermann, Armacost, Rizzo, Rodriguez, Ryan, Yale
Against:

Abstain:

B. Buildings/Grounds – No report

C. Foundation – Gala planning – sales are going well. Sponsorship is good too. Allstate donation is coming. Good silent auction items.

D. By-Laws – No report.

E. Strategic Planning – No report.

F. Nominating – No report.

G. Personnel – No report.

H. Mayor/Alternate – No report

I. Superintendent/Alternate – Schools are on spring break now. Testing coming up in May. Another parent survey will be going out late May.

J. Legal – No report.

8. Old Business

- None

9. New Business

- Approval of 2026-28 Union Contracts
  - Changes as per the documents in the packet.

Motion: To approve the Supervisory and Non-Supervisory Contracts for CWA Local 1031 as presented.
Moved: Ackermann Seconded: Armacost
For: Ackermann, Armacost, Rizzo, Rodriguez, Ryan, Yale
Against:
Abstain:

- Approval of Non-Union Salary Schedule
  - Schedule included in the packet for non-union employees.

Motion: To approve the updated salary schedule for non-union employees retroactive to January 1 as presented.
Moved: Rizzo Seconded: Ackermann
For: Ackermann, Armacost, Rizzo, Rodriguez, Ryan, Yale
Against:
Abstain:

- Approval of Adjusted Hours on Friday, June 5, 2026
    - For the annual teddy bear sleepover

Motion: To approve an early closing at 4pm on Friday, June 5, 2026 to accommodate children's programming.
Moved: Armacost Seconded: Armacost
For: Ackermann, Armacost, Rizzo, Rodriguez, Ryan, Yale
Against:
Abstain:

11. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.
Moved: Rizzo Seconded: Yale
For: Ackermann, Armacost, Rizzo, Rodriguez, Ryan, Yale
Against:
Abstain:

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cori Verdino

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 7:00 PM