Rutherford Public Library Board of Trustees
Minutes for June 16, 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 Ms. Wendy Armacost Ms. Stephanie Kivich Ms. Monica Rodriguez - Zoom Mr. Charles Ryan Mr. Palmer Yale - Zoom
Absent	Ms. Kim Bogosian Mr. Jimmy Rizzo Ms. Krista Vellis
Staff Present	Ms. Gretchen Corsillo
Others Present	Mr. Ian Doris, Attorney - Zoom
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Ms. Kivich.

2. Provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act

Ms. Kivich 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: Ackerman
For: Ackermann, Armacost, Kivich, Rodriguez, Ryan, Yale
Against:
Abstain:

B. Approval of the minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the May 19, 2026, open meeting
Moved: Rodriguez Seconded: Armacost
For: Ackermann, Armacost, Kivich, Rodriguez, Ryan, Yale
Against:
Abstain:

Motion: To approve the minutes of the May 19, 2026, closed meeting
Moved: Yale Seconded: Ryan
For: Ackermann, Armacost, Kivich, Rodriguez, Ryan, Yale
Against:
Abstain:

4. Hearing of the citizens

Ms. Kivich 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 – The new display screen for the Glass Room is here. Unfortunately, the first one came smashed, but FedEx was really good about it. Hopefully it will be here next week. The Friends are funding it.
    - Ms. Bogosian has been working with Connor Fox on mezzanine costs. It seems like it would be a good fit for the Foundation to fund it. They need a meeting to officially vote on it.
    - There was a major BCCLS outage today. Five libraries were affected by this. They are trying to figure out what is causing it. Our regular wi-fi works so we have been trying to work with that for the time being. BCCLS IT support is working with us. We can't print receipts right now so that is difficult.
- PrideFest was successful. Lots of questions about the library. The Friends were handing out free books that hadn't sold previously.
- The new Attendance policy has started in June and seems to be helping.
- All new Personnel positions have started. Rhoda is finishing projects before she leaves. Her last day is June 30th. The Mayor is making a proclamation on Monday night at 6:30 at Borough Hall.
- New CE requirements for trustees. We also just found out that there are requirements for para-professionals as well. 4 CE hours. Ms. Corsillo is trying to find things that everyone can do easily for this requirement.
- The Friends are going to vote in July about the mural and funding it.
- Della Rowland is retiring from the Friends this summer. They are looking to donate something in the children's room in her honor.
- Advocacy – Rhode Island has passed their e-book legislation which is similar to New Jersey's and Illinois is working on that as well. Congress is working on restoring IMLS funding.

7. Committee Reports

A. Finance

1. Payment of June bills

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

B. Buildings/Grounds – No report

C. Foundation – No report

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 – School is almost done for the year. 324 parents responded to the survey. A lot of mixed feedback. They will be teaching cursive again next year.

J. Legal – No report

8. Old Business

- None

9. New Business

- Renewal of Shared Space Agreement with the Rutherford Board of Education

The current agreement ends August 31st. We have looked at previous agreements, and any changes would be noted. Mr. Ryan stated that it will be on the Board of Education's June 29th agenda.

10. Adjournment

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

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cori Verdino

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at 7:00 PM