Rutherford Public Library Board of Trustees
Minutes for September 15, 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 - Zoom Ms. Stephanie Kivich Mr. Charles Ryan Ms. Krista Vellis - Zoom
Absent	Ms. Kim Bogosian Mr. Jimmy Rizzo Ms. Monica Rodriguez Mr. Palmer Yale
Staff Present	Ms. Gretchen Corsillo
Others Present	Mr. David Scheidel, Attorney
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Ms. Kivich

2. Provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act

Ms. Vellis 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: Ryan Seconded: Armacost
For: Ackermann, Armacost, Kivich, Ryan, Vellis
Against:
Abstain:

B. Approval of the minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the July 21, 2026, open meeting
Moved: Ryan Seconded: Armacost
For: Armacost, Kivich, Ryan, Vellis
Against:
Abstain: Ackermann

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 mural is almost complete. We expanded it a bit and the Library paid for that, but the Friends generously donated the majority of the cost ($5,000). It looks great and we may want to look into doing more of this kind of thing in the future.
    - The roof had some leaks in the Glass room. Christie is aware of it and it's still on the radar of the Borough
- Finance – the 2025 audit is done, and the report should be here for the next meeting. To address the rising cost and demand of eContent, Ms. Corsillo is proposing moving $5,000 from underspent print materials to the eContent line.
- Outreach – we will be at Rutherford Day. We will be doing library card sign-ups. Visiting the Golden Age Club meeting about Library resources, especially digital offerings.
    - Speaking to the Indivisible group in October for Banned Books week.
    - The Garden Club seed library has been set up with four different types of seeds. All are welcome to take a seed packet. Donations are being vetted and handled by the club; we are providing the space.
    - Two Girl Scouts are working on a "kindness corner" in the Children's area for their Silver Awards and will open on September 19th. The Mayor is coming to make a video on it this week.
- Friends of the Library – They have opened their online store, which benefits the Friends, but we brand it and control the website. There are 10 designs of tee shirts and sweatshirts. They are still selling their stock of tote bags. They have made about $500 already. They have their book sale the first weekend of October. They are going to be running a baking and cookie decorating event, with a BYOB. If it goes well, they will run something similar annually.
- New reference resource: Mometrix eLibrary – virtual test prep. Gives access to their whole library of licensing and not just regular collage tests etc. Comes with a discount deal for print books too.
- BCCLS – Dave Hanson the Executive Director is leaving. An Interim will be in place fairly soon. Looking for a permanent replacement. Ms. Corsillo volunteered to run for the Executive Board again. Five people are running for three seats. If elected, it will be a 3-year term starting in January.
- NJLA is working on the legislation for the ebooks. They are working with Senators Zwicker and Gopal. We will see how this works out. AAP, the trade association for publishers recently released a statement blaming libraries for diminished sales revenue, and it remains unclear how this may or may not impact the likelihood of getting a bill introduced and passed.

7. Committee Reports

A. Finance

1. Payment of August bills

Motion: To retroactively approve payment of the August bills enclosed in packet
Moved: Ryan Seconded: Vellis
For: Ackermann, Armacost, Kivich, Ryan, Vellis
Against:
Abstain:

2. Payment of September bills

Motion: To authorize payment of the September bills, with additions
Moved: Vellis Seconded: Ryan

For: Ackermann, Armacost, Kivich, Ryan, Vellis
Against:
Abstain:

3. Approval of Budget Line Transfer

Motion: To modify the 2026 Operating Budget to reallocate $5,000 to the eContent line from the following: $1,500 from World Languages, $1,500 from Adult Nonfiction, and $2,000 from Adult Fiction.
Moved: Vellis Seconded: Ryan
For: Ackermann, Armacost, Kivich, Ryan, Vellis
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 – Mr. Ryan reported that school is back in session. Quiet and productive. Cell phone ban is in effect at the High School now. No wearables either. Cursive is back.

J. Legal – David, Ian's associate reported – any questions on the collection management policy? He read it through and it looks like legally it's all in order. Freedom to Read act in NJ signed in 2024. Deadline to comply is 12/31/2026.

8. Old Business

- None

9. New Business

- Approval of 2027 Holiday Closings and Board Meeting Schedule
  - 2027 – Christmas Eve and Christmas Day falls on a Friday and Saturday. To get the 2 days of closing – 23rd – 25th. The alternative would be closing on Monday the 27th. In 2021 we closed the 23rd- 25th.
  - Change April's board meeting due to Spring Break

Motion: To approve the 2027 schedule of holiday closings and board meetings as presented.
Moved: Vellis Seconded: Armacost
For: Ackermann, Armacost, Kivich, Ryan, Vellis
Against:
Abstain:

- Approval of Collection Management Policy.

Motion: To approve the Collection Management Policy as presented.
Moved: Armacost Seconded: Ryan
For: Ackermann, Armacost, Kivich, Ryan, Vellis
Against:
Abstain:

- Approval of Updates to the Request for Reconsideration Form.
    - Updated nontraditional items. And a separate form must be done for each request.

Motion: To approve the updated Request for Reconsideration form as presented.
Moved: Ryan Seconded: Vellis
For: Ackermann, Armacost, Kivich, Ryan, Vellis
Against:
Abstain:

10. Adjournment

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

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cori Verdino

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 20, 2026 at 7:00 PM