

**Wicomico Public Library  
Board of Trustees Bimonthly Meeting  
Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 4:00p.m.**

**In Attendance:** Audrey Orr, Farah Yahya, Chip Dashiell, Esq., Maida Finch, PhD, Brian Bergen-Aurand, PhD, Freddie Mitchell, Michele Schlehofer, PhD, John Cannon, County Council and Michele Gregory, City Council. **In Attendance via Zoom:** Pattie Tingle, Dr. Bernadette Fouche, Michele Canopli, PhD, and Chelsye Phillips-Hutton **Staff in Attendance:** Seth Hershberger, Cheryl Nardiello, Aurelio Giannitti, Stephanie Daisey, Beth Jarvis, Jessica Zajcevski and Bobbi Schreiber

**Previous Minutes:** Ms. Orr made a Motion that the minutes of the February meeting be approved; Ms. Yahya seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

**Reports:** Mr. Dashiell went through the **Consent Agenda Reports: Usage & Programs & Development Reports** asking if there were any questions on each report. Aurelio has been Development Director, and he explained the grants we are receiving and have applied for. Dr. Finch made a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda; it was seconded by Ms. Yahya and was passed. Seth delivered a report on the Friends Foundation and Cheryl gave an updated report explaining the financial progress of the Friends Foundation. Dr. Finch will be leaving the ESRL Board at the end of this fiscal year, so another member of the Library Board needs to be chosen to serve. Seth explained the Director's Report and Cheryl delivered the Assistant Director's Report and the Financial Statements. Dr. Canopli brought a Motion to approve the Financial Statements; it was seconded Dr. Bergen-Aurand and approved by all. Michele Gregory of Salisbury City Council reported that the City Council will have their first session on April 22 and begin their negotiations on the budget with the Mayor. John Cannon of the Wicomico County Council related that the County Council has received the Library's Budget request and feels that it will be approved because the revenue stream in the County is strong right now.

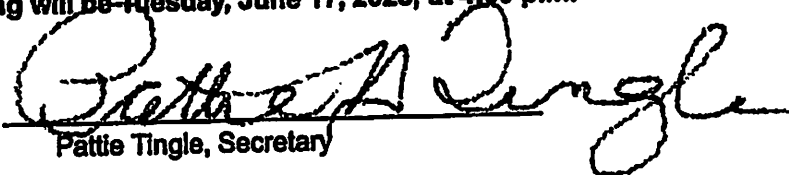
**Business:** Terri Riley Jones and Stephanie Davis, the daughter and granddaughter of Lewis R. Riley, were present to witness the Board Approval of the naming of the Parsonsburg Library. Ms. Yahya brought a Motion to approve the naming of the Library after Lewis R. Riley. Dr. Finch seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. The Library was previously awarded two grants from USDA Rural Development, and, in order to seek reimbursement for these funds, the library board must vote to proceed with the grants' execution and delivery. Dr. Bergen-Aurand brought a Motion to certify grant funds from the USDA for \$50,000. Dr. Canopli seconded the motion, and it was approved. Ms. Orr brought a Motion to certify grant funds from the USDA for \$19,500. Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion, and it was approved. Dr. Bergen-Aurand brought a Motion to approve the second reading of the FY2026 Budget. Ms. Yahya seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Ms. Yahya brought a Motion to approve the MOU with the Friends Foundation with a few minor changes in the language. Dr. Finch seconded the motion, and it was approved. Since there were a few changes, the MOU will go back to the Friends Foundation for final



approval. Ms. Orr brought a Motion to approve the transfer \$15,000. from Library Reserves to the Parsonsburg Construction Contingency Fund. Dr. Bergen-Aurand seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Dr. Finch brought a Motion to Adjourn the meeting at 5:50pm; it was seconded by Ms. Orr and approved unanimously.

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
Pattie Tingle, Secretary