

**Wicomico Public Library
Board of Trustees Bimonthly Meeting
Tuesday, June 24, 2025 at 4:00p.m.**

In Attendance: Audrey Orr, Farah Yahya, Chip Dashiell, Esq., Michele Canopii, PhD, Maida Finch, PhD, Michele Schlehofer, PhD, and Freddie Mitchell

In Attendance via Zoom: Dr. Bernadette Fouche, Brian Bergen-Aurand, PhD and Chelsye Phillips-Hutton

Staff in Attendance: Seth Hershberger, Cheryl Nardiello, Bernadette Cannady, Stephanie Daisey, and Bobbi Schreiber

Dr. Finch brought a **Motion to move the Agenda Item** "FY 2026 Board Committee Appointments" to the meeting in August. Dr. Canopii seconded the motion, and it was adopted. Bernadette Cannady is retiring after nearly 38 years at the Wicomico Public Library, and she attended the meeting. The Board expressed their appreciation for her and Bernadette spoke of some of her memories of her time here. Dr. Canopii made a **Motion** that the **Minutes of the April meeting** be approved; Ms. Orr seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Reports: Stephanie explained the **Usage & Programs** report and Seth gave a brief overview of the activities of the **Friends Foundation**, particularly the Capital Campaign. Dr. Schlehofer brought everyone up to date on the **EDI Committee**, where they will need a new chairman because of Bernadette's departure. Dr. Finch shared news of the **ESRL Board** where they have elected a new president and vice president, Kathleen Lyons and Susan Sherman, respectively. Seth delivered the **Director's Report** and Cheryl explained the **Assistant Director's Report and the Financial Statements**. Ms. Orr introduced a Motion to approve the financial Statements; it was seconded by Ms. Yahya and approved by all. John Cannon and Michele Gregory were absent from the meeting so there were no **City or County Reports**.

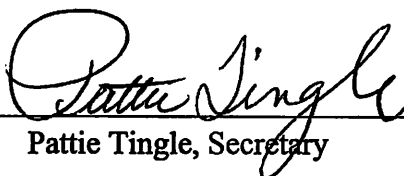
Business: Dr. Canopii brought a **Motion to reappoint Dr. Schlehofer** to a second five-year term as a Trustee and Dr. Finch seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved and will be sent for approval to the Wicomico County Council. Ms. Orr brought a **Motion to appoint Eva Paxton** as a new Trustee, and she gave the Board some background information on Ms. Paxton. Dr. Bergen-Aurand seconded the motion, and it was approved by all. It will also be sent to the Wicomico County Council for approval. For the Final Reading of the FY 2026 budget, there were a few changes which Cheryl explained. Ms. Yahya brought a **Motion to approve the Final Reading** of the FY 2026 Budget; it was seconded by Dr. Canopii and approved. Cheryl explained the adjustments that needed to be made to the FY 2025 Budget and Ms. Orr brought a **Motion to approve these changes**. Dr. Schlehofer seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Dr. Canopii brought a **Motion to approve the Employee Awards Program Policy**. Dr. Schlehofer seconded the motion, and it was passed. Ms. Yahya brought a **Motion to**

approve the Proposed Personal Leave Policy for Part-Time Workers: it was seconded by Dr. Finch and approved. Ms. Orr brought a **Motion to approve the following Slate of Officers** for the upcoming FY 2026: Brian Bergen-Aurand as Chair, Farah Yahya as Vice Chair, Michele Schlehofer as Secretary, Pattie Tingle as Treasurer and Chip Dashiell as Immediate Past Chair. Dr. Canopii seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Dr. Bergen-Aurand introduced a Motion to appoint Ms. Tingle as the Board's ESRL Board Liaison. Ms. Orr seconded the Motion, and it was approved unanimously.

The Meeting Adjourned by Consensus at 6:00pm.

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:


Pattie Tingle, Secretary