



ROGERS FREE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes

October 23, 2025

A meeting of the Trustees of Rogers Free Library was held on Thursday, October 23, 2025 at Bristol Town Hall, 400 Hope Street Bristol, RI.

Present:

Annie Silvia - Trustee | Chairperson
Cara Cromwell - Trustee | Secretary
Samantha Faria – Trustee
Nancy Kellner – Trustee
Marie Knapman – Trustee
Bart Ferris – Trustee
Eileen Dyer – Library Director

Absent:

Kasey Feijo – Trustee

Members of the Public:

- Christine Pellegrini, Lisa Roth Blackmun, Millicent Bown - Rhode Island Foundation
- Ann Kathrin Welsky, Rogers Free Library
- Tim Palmer, Peter Maloney, Members of the Friends of Rogers Free Library

CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE/QUORUM

- Annie Silvia called the meeting to order at 6:36pm and noted there was a quorum.

REVIEW/AMEND/APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- Minutes of Previous September 18, 2025 Meeting.

- Cara Cromwell made a motion to approve the minutes with the amendment. Samantha Faria seconded the motion. Vote: all in favor.

CHAIR REPORT

- Annie Silvia did not deliver a Chair Report.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPORT

- Eileen Dyer delivered her Director Report.

PRESENTATION

- Christine Pellegrini presented about the Rhode Island Foundation's endowment services.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- Eileen Dyer delivered the Financial Report.

OLD BUSINESS

- Friends Update - led by Annie Silvia
- CLC Grant – Eileen Dyer provided an update.
- Strategic Plan Update - discussion led by Eileen Dyer

NEW BUSINESS

- Friends Subcommittee – Annie Silvia led a discussion.
- Library Director Job Description was reviewed and discussed.
- Discussion of 2026 RFL Holiday Hours - same holiday hours as 2025.

MEMBER PREROGATIVES

PUBLIC COMMENT

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(1), Rhode Island's Open Meetings Act

- Cara Cromwell made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:09 pm
- Samantha Faria seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

- Cara Cromwell made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:26 pm
- Marie Knapman seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

NEXT MEETING DATE - November 20, 2025

ADJOURN

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:27pm