

SCHENECTADY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

The regular monthly meeting of the Schenectady County Public Library Trustees was held on Thursday, August 6, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Swanker Boardroom at the Karen B. Johnson Central Library.

PRESENT: Madelyn Thorne, President; Brenda Schworm, Vice President; Carmel Patrick, Treasurer; Justin Chaires; David Fronk; Sharon Jordan; Steve McCutcheon; Julie McDonnell; Bernice Rivera; Tina Chericoni Versaci

ABSENT AND EXCUSED: Jude McQueen; Angela Tatem

STAFF: Charity Thorne, Executive Director; Devon Hedges, Assistant Library Director; Michelle Dannenhoffer-Cau, Public Services Manager

GUESTS: Frank Salamone, Deputy County Attorney

Madelyn Thorne called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Deborah Noyes – Schenectady, New York. She voiced concerns about SCPL's withdrawal from JA. Wade Abbott – Rotterdam, New York/Communication Specialist at MVLS. He reviewed information about Central Library Aid. He spoke on behalf of himself and MVLS about the impact of SCPL's withdrawal from JA and potentially from MVLS.

Nancy Gifford – Scotia, New York. She thanked the board for considering extending the time period on the JA contract.

JOINT AUTOMATION PROJECT DRAFT EXTENSION AGREEMENT

Trustees were given documents relating to the Joint Automation Project Draft Extension Agreement and were asked to review and agree to the terms in the contract.

Executive Director Thorne reported that at this time because of the impact to the system charters on the state level, it may be that we need to proceed with exiting JA to our own catalog and continue the discussion on what it would be like to change systems down the road. Other discussion revolved around data migration and costs for SCPL to have its own catalog.

Discussion ensued. President Thorne asked trustees if there were any additions or changes to the draft extension. As there were none, she asked for a motion to submit an extension of the original letter of notice to December 31, 2024. Motion made by Justin Chaires, seconded by Julie McDonnell. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 26, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Swanker Boardroom at the Karen B. Johnson Library.