



Schenectady County Public Library Board of Trustees

Policy Committee Meeting

April 2, 2025

Minutes

Present: David Fronk, Committee Chair; Jude McQueen; Justin Chaires

Staff: Charity Thorne, Executive Director

Chair Fronk reviewed the trustee handbook section recommending a public comment/participation policy and shared findings from review of about 25 other libraries' policies for examples. Fronk proposed language for a draft public comment policy and trustees discussed. Chaires moved to recommend the draft public comment policy to the full Board for approval, all were in favor.

Trustees reviewed and discussed the current computer use and internet policy including outdated sections. Executive Director Thorne will draft updated language and bring a draft for review to the next Policy Committee meeting.

Trustees discussed whether to add a videoconferencing policy at this time and reviewed the state regulations around videoconferencing for public bodies which are repealed and set to expire in July 2026. The committee determined to set this topic aside and come back to it at a later date.

Trustees reviewed the current Children policy and discussed updates. Executive Director Thorne will draft updated language for review at the next Policy Committee meeting.

Trustees reviewed the current Meeting Room policy and discussed updates. The committee agreed on removing the limit of three times per year per organization now and continuing discussion about further updates to this policy at future committee meetings. Executive Director Thorne will prepare the draft with this minor change for approval at the next regular Board meeting.