

## SCHENECTADY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

The regular monthly meeting of the Schenectady County Public Library Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, May 22, 2025 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; David Fronk; Steve McCutcheon; Julie McDonnell; Jude McQueen; Bernice Rivera

ABSENT AND EXCUSED: Justin Chaires; Angela Tatem, Tina Chericoni Versaci

STAFF: Charity Thorne, Executive Director; Beth DeMidio, Director of Operations; Devon Hedges, Assistant Director; Michelle Dannenhoffer-Cau, Public Services Manager; Janice Martin, Board Clerk

GUESTS: Rory Fluman, Schenectady County Manager; Michelle Ostrelich, Schenectady County Legislature, Vice-Chair Education & Libraries; Jessica McDonald, Vice-President, Friends of SCPL

Madelyn Thorne called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Patricia Gosda/Niskayuna – Expressed frustration with the hoopla budget implemented in May and receiving interlibrary loan books

Nancy Gifford/Scotia – She asked for clear information from the library to the public regarding the recent change in Hoopla.

Betsy Napier – She voiced her concerns about the recent unavailability of physical books and digital content from Hoopla.

### CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Carmel Patrick, seconded by Judy McQueen. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF POLICY 1.3 PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY – Tabled.

### APPROVAL OF POLICY 5.4 CHILD SAFETY POLICY

Moved by David Fronk, seconded by Steve McCutcheon. Motion passed.

### APPROVAL OF POLICY 5.8.1 COMPUTER AND INTERNET USE POLICY

Moved by Brenda Schworm, seconded by David Fronk. Motion passed.

### APPROVAL OF STRATEGIC PLANNING CONSULTANT CONTRACT

Discussion ensued and one correction was discussed and will be changed.

1. Page Two – Timeline. Changed from June 2024 to June 2025.

Motion by Carmel Patrick, seconded by Steve McCutcheon.

Before the vote, discussion was raised about adding language to Scope of Service, #9, Focus Groups to specify the focus groups consist of members of the community.

Amended motion was passed.

### APPROVAL OF 2026 DRAFT OPERATING BUDGET

Motion by Carmel Patrick, seconded by Brenda Schworm. Discussion ensued. Motion passed.

#### APPROVAL OF 2024 NEW YORK STATE ANNUAL REPORT

Motion by Carmel Patrick, seconded by Jude McQueen. Motion passed.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Madelyn Thorne continues to serve on the governance committee with MVLS.

She reported that Steve McCutcheon has been appointed as Director of Veteran Services for Schenectady County.

#### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Charity Thorne went over the recent Hoopla changes described in the written report.

Devon Hedges shared the Main Library now has a Period Pantry in partnership with the MoonCatcher Project and coordinated by Librarian Diana Hurlburt. a

#### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Jessica McDonald reported that the spring book sale netted over \$14,500. The membership team will be working to promote the Friends of the Library near the Whitney Book Corner during the Greenmarket on June 22, 2025.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – None.

PLANNING COMMITTEE – Members will confirm a date after this evening's meeting.

#### POLICY COMMITTEE

Public Comment Policy was tabled. Other three policies were approved.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m. on a motion by Jude McQueen, seconded by David Fronk.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 26, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Swanker Boardroom at the Karen B. Johnson Library.