

MLD Trustees Meeting Minutes May 21, 2025

Call to Order/Attendance

Meeting called to order at: 6:03

Present: Trustees Patricia Andersen, John Buying, Jennifer Holmes, Pamela Mann,
Pamela Rice, Chelsea Roth, Mark Tourtellott, and Director Cheryl Jones

Absent: none

Adoption of agenda

Motion by: Chelsea Roth

2nd: Jennifer Holmes

Voted against: John Buying

Abstain:

Motion passed

Approval of Minutes – April 2025

Motion to approve the April meeting minutes

Motion by: Jennifer Holmes

2nd: Pamela Rice

Voted against: John Buying

Abstain:

Motion passed

Privilege of the Floor - Public Comment- 3-minute limit per person

- 4 members of the public expressed concern for the mural project and how it will reflect long term on the public library.

Finance Report -

Motion to approve abstract of vouchers

Motion by: Chelsea Roth

2nd: Jennifer Holmes

Voted against:

Abstain: John Buying

Motion passed

Director's Report –

- Story walk finished
- Seed catalog now available
- Book Fairies delivered over 200 books

Committee Reports –

- Long Range Plan- No Report
- Policy/ By-Law- No Report
- Building and Grounds- No Report
- Budget- No Report

Old Business:

- Mural Artist Update - initial concept submitted

New Business:

- Direct Access Statistics
- **RCLS Renewal of IT Services**

Motion by: Pamela Mann

2nd: Jennifer Holmes

Voted against:

Abstain:

Motion passed

- **NYLAF-NYCLASS Resolution**

- o Motion to sign the Municipal Cooperation Resolution to authorize our participation in NYCLASS

Motion by: Jennifer Holmes

2nd: Chelsea Roth

Voted against:

Abstain:

Motion passed

- Discussion regarding Wurts Family Painting Donation

- **2026 Tax Cap Override**

- o Motion to exceed the Tax Cap for the 2025 Mamakating Library Budget

- o Whereas, the adoption of the 2025 budget for the Mamakating Library requires a tax levy increase that exceeds the tax cap imposed by state law as outlined in General Municipal Law Section 3-c adopted in 2011 and;

Whereas, General Municipal Law Section 3-c expressly permits the library board to override the tax levy limit by a resolution approved by a vote of sixty percent of qualified board members;

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Mamakating Library voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for 2025 by at least the sixty percent of the board of trustees as required by state law on May 21st, 2025.

Motion by: Jennifer Holmes
2nd: Pamela Rice
Voted against: John Buying
Abstain:
Motion passed

2026 Budget Draft

- Motion to approve the proposed 2026 budget.
Motion by: Pamela Mann
2nd: Chelsea Roth
Voted against: John Buying
Abstain:
Motion passed

AFLAC

- Motion to begin offering AFLAC as a benefit for staff members
Motion by: Pamela Rice
2nd: Jennifer Holmes
Voted against:
Abstain: John Buying
Motion passed

Policy review/ revisions:

- Fax Policy
Motion by: Chelsea Roth
2nd: Pamela Mann
Voted against:
Abstain: John Buying
Motion passed

Adjournment: meeting ended at 7:54ppm

Motion by: Pamela Mann
2nd: Jennifer Holmes
Voted against:
Abstain:
Motion passed