

EASTON AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Monday, September 8, 2025, 4:15 pm.

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Easton Area Public Library was held on Monday, September 8, 2025. President Ms. Long called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. Present: Ms. Long, Mr. Reilly, Mr. Lake, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Ramirez-Luhrs, Mr. Jabbour, and Mrs. van Horne-Brett. Mrs. Jennifer Long, Director, and Sheila Wolff, Business Manager were also present.

Interested Citizens: None

Consent Agenda: A motion was made to accept the consent agenda by Mr. Long and was seconded by Mrs. Walker. By voice vote, all were in favor.

Communications: Mrs. Long shared a Thank You note from former Board of Director, Mr. Thomas.

Reports on Executive Sessions: None

Committee Reports: None

Director's Report: Mrs. Long highlighted from her report, The 2025 Summer Reading Program theme was *Color Our World*. The LV Zoo program, Adult and Teen raffles, opening and the closing program were all sponsored by the Friends of the Easton Area Public Library. The Library participated in the West Ward and Farmer's Markets and will be at Forks Days this weekend. UGI replaced gas lines on Fifth, Sixth and Church Streets this summer. There was access to the Library all the time. While digging UGI did uncover a gravestone on the Library property. The Library was able to host a Continuing Education workshop with PA Forward for our staff and local Libraries. The Marx Room received a donation of Alpha, New Jersey resources. The 1890 Northampton County Census Directory and Marriage & Death Extracts Index are now available for researchers on the Marx Room page of the Library's website. On August 5, the Main Library's cooling system failed and it was determined it can not be fixed. Due to increasing temperature inside the Library, we had to close at noon, August 13-22 and close entire days Saturday August 16 and 23rd. The school district is working on a new system.

Old Business: Mrs. Long reported the Strategic Planning Committee meeting was postponed due to the early closings due to the high temperatures inside the Library.

New Business: Mario Cozzubbo of Cambell, Rappold & Yurasits accounting firm, presented the audit of 2024-2025 to the Board. There were no issues with the audit.

Summer Reading welcomed over 950 children this year. The theme, *Color Our World* highlighted activities from family activities, partnerships with local organizations, art and reading. 100 people attended the opening show of juggling and jokes, over 150 people attended the LV Zoo programs. These were held at both locations. The closing event was an outdoor party with lawn games and Fidelity Bank Ice Cream Truck was held at the Palmer Branch. Due to the high temperatures in the Main Library the party was postponed until this Saturday, September 13. The Summer Reading Program was measured in minutes instead of number of books this year. In total, our patrons read for 1,130,011 minutes. An increase from last year.

The conflicts of Interest Forms were collected from all the Directors.

Mr. Lake made a motion to use the Vanguard Marx Room Endowment dividends to be withdrawn and used for the Marx Room HVAC contract, if the total of the HVAC contract is less than the dividends total, rollover the difference. And was seconded by Mrs. Walker. By voice vote, all were in favor. Mrs. Walker made a motion to rollover the dividends from the General Endowment Fund and was seconded by Mr. Lake. By voice vote, all were in favor.

Mrs. Ramirez-Luhrs made a motion to approve using money from the Morris Estate donation to offset the Palmer Branch staffing salary and was seconded by Mrs. Walker. By voice vote, all were in favor.

The Directors signed up to report at the 2025 EASD meetings.

The Friend of the Year Award will be presented by Mrs. Long in October. Cathy Horvath has been nominated.

Last year Annual Appeal lists were handed out for edits. Please give Jennifer or Sheila any new name and addresses as soon as possible. Letters are mailed in November.

Mrs. van Horne-Brett made a motion to close the Main Library and Palmer Branch on Saturday, November 1st, due to Bacon Fest. and was seconded by Mr. Reilly. By voice vote, all were in favor.

The Boscov's Friends and Family one day sale coupons are available for \$5.00 donation to the Library.

The Book Sale dates are Thursday, October 8th for Preview, Friday, October 9th, Saturday, October 10th is half price day and Monday October 11th is bag day.

October 18th the Friends of the Library is presenting a piano concert by Masterworks at 2:00pm in the Friends Room.

There is no PA state budget at this time. The Library will not receive our District money until it is passed.

Mrs. Walker made a motion to adjourn at 6:00pm. and was seconded by Mr. Lake. By voice vote, all were in favor.

Next meeting, October 13, 2025 at the Palmer Branch, 1 Weller Place