

Palisades Park Public Library Board of Trustees

Minutes of Regular Meeting on April 10th 2025

At the Library Meeting Room

Flag Salute 7:00 PM

Attendance: Roll Call

Name	Present	Absent
Barnabas Woo, President	X	
Alice Albanese		X
Fran Beck	X	
Irene Grala	X	
Helen Jeon		X
Hyoung Park	X	
Maureen Tansey	X	
Dr. Cirillo - Superintendent		X
Y. Christine Won-Yoon - Mayor Alternate	X	

Quorum was established.

The meeting is a regular meeting.

**President's Report: Barnabas Woo**

- Thanked the library staff for the smooth operations of the library and cooperations
- Barnabas asked about if there are other potential sources of income for the library. Councilwoman Christine said getting grants is one way to get an income. Maureen suggested Walmart has grants earmarked for libraries. Then asked who can request the grants.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Resolution 2025-05-01: Approval of Regular April 2025 Meeting Minutes - Carried with 6 yeases and 3 absences**

Trustees	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
B. Woo, President			X			
F. Beck			X			
I Grala		X	X			
H. Jeon						X

H. Park, Treasurer			X			
M. Tansey			X			
Christine Won-Yoon, Mayor Alt.	X		X			
A. Albanese						X
J. Cirillo, Superintendent						X

**Resolution 2025-05-02: Approval of the Executive April 2025 Meeting Minutes - Carried with 6 yeases and 3 absences.**

Trustees	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
B. Woo, President			X			
F. Beck		X	X			
I Grala	X		X			
H. Jeon						X
H. Park, Treasurer			X			
M. Tansey			X			
Christine Won-Yoon, Mayor Alt.			X			
A. Albanese						X
J. Cirillo, Superintendent						X

**Treasurer’s Report: Hyoung Park**

- PNC Statement: Beginning balance: \$67,740.17 + \$850.93 (Deposits) = \$68,591.10 - \$2,698.34 (withdrawals) = \$65,892.76 (ledger balance)
- New Millenium Bank Statement: Beginning balance: \$\$1,117,186.99 + \$3,727.56 (interest) = \$1,120,914.55 (ending balance)

**Director’s Report: Esperanza Pacheco**

- On March 10th the Children’s Library room renovation was completed in the last phase.
- 3/24 - In the Meeting room, the Modern folds partition replaced the existing blue partitions.
- Dash wifi replaced the Spectrum wifi. It is new to public usage and it’s faster wifi
- BCCLS - we have more accessible points - childrens, teens, and meeting room can be added
- Any BCCLS library has the Dash wifi access
- Christine: “Can the outsiders of BCCLS borrow books at our library?” Esperanza: “No, but they can use Pay Cards. For example, if someone came from Morris county, courtesy cards such as Pay Cards can be used.”
- Adult program - popular program - brush lettering workshop

**Resolution 2025-05-03 Material Allotment for a Library volunteer - Carried with 6 yeases and 3 absences. A Spanish language volunteer will be allotted \$25 (max) payment for the material fee each month and in the Bill List starting from May 2025.**

<b>Trustees</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
B. Woo, President			X			
F. Beck			X			
I Grala		X	X			
H. Jeon						X
H. Park, Treasurer			X			
M. Tansey			X			
Christine Won-Yoon, Mayor Alt.	X		X			
A. Albanese						X
J. Cirillo, Superintendent						X

**Open to the Public:**

Andrew Meehan

- A public activist from Hackensack was present. He said the NJ PERC case is not dismissed and he and his client are moving forward. The complaint is resent to the courts.
- Conflict of interest regarding the State Ethics code - Attorney Kraig will look it up and provide a guideline to the Board. If there's been a change regarding nepotism.

**Old Business:**

**Resolution 2025-05-04 Contract for Chris Aufiero, Roof Oversight Service - Carried with 6 yeases and 3 absences. A revised contract will be sent to Chris Aufiero to sign.**

<b>Trustees</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
B. Woo, President	X		X			
F. Beck			X			
I Grala		X	X			
H. Jeon						X
H. Park, Treasurer			X			
M. Tansey			X			

Christine Won-Yoon, Mayor Alt.			X			
A. Albanese						X
J. Cirillo, Superintendent						X

**New Business:**

**Resolution 2025-05-05: Approval of April 2025 Bill List - Carried with 6 yeases and 3 absences**

Trustees	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
B. Woo, President			X			
F. Beck			X			
I Grala		X	X			
H. Jeon						X
H. Park, Treasurer			X			
M. Tansey			X			
Christine Won-Yoon, Mayor Alt.	X		X			
A. Albanese						X
J. Cirillo, Superintendent						X

**Resolution 2025-05-06 - Library Auditing for Palisades Park Public Library - Carried with 6 yeases and 3 absences. We will send Garbarini and Co. P.C. a contract to hire them to audit the Library for fiscal years 2023 & 2024 for a sum not to exceed \$8,000. The contract is sent to them.**

Trustees	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
B. Woo, President	X		X			
F. Beck			X			
I Grala		X	X			
H. Jeon						X
H. Park, Treasurer			X			
M. Tansey			X			
Christine Won-Yoon, Mayor Alt.			X			
A. Albanese						X

J. Cirillo, Superintendent							X
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**Resolution 2025-05-07: Resolution for the Palisades Park Public Library Board of Trustees to enter into the Executive session at 8:15 PM.**

**Irene made a motion, Barnabas seconded. All agreed to go into the Executive meeting.**

**Resolution to close the Executive meeting - Motion made by Irene, seconded by Christine. All agreed to go back to the Open meeting.**

**Resolution 2025-05-08 Interim Director Extension - the Board wishes to extend the appointment of the Interim Director, Esperanza Pacheco, for an additional 60 days (beginning May 14, 2025 and ending July 12, 2025) under the same terms and conditions as the initial appointment including the compensation terms but in an amount not to exceed \$22,000.00, with an average work week of 35 hours all of which shall be at the library or at required off-site meetings; and Resolution shall take effect immediately.**

Trustees	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
B. Woo, President	X		X			
F. Beck			X			
I Grala		X	X			
H. Jeon						X
H. Park, Treasurer			X			
M. Tansey			X			
Christine Won-Yoon, Mayor Alt.			X			
A. Albanese						X
J. Cirillo, Superintendent						X

Adjournment: Motion made by Maureen, seconded by Fran. All agreed. 9:40 PM.