

Margaret E. Heggan Free Public Library of the Township of Washington

June 17, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Time and Place: The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Margaret E. Heggan Free Public Library was called to order by Board President Lisa Bertolini in the Conference Room of the Margaret E. Heggan Free Public Library, 606 Delsea Drive, Sewell, NJ, on June 17, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

Sunshine Law Statement: A notice was read that was published and posted according to the NJ Open Public Meetings Act.

Leah Mack was introduced to the board as a new part-time Library Assistant in the Circulation Department.

Quorum: Lisa Bertolini, Victoria Binetti, Jane Crocker, Shaun Giberson, Gina Gurcsik, Whitney Huston, Frank Indriso, Catherine Matos (via speakerphone), Salvatore Coppola

Also Present: Joseph Alacqua, Esq.; Sheila Mikkelson, Library Director; Dina Meddings, Board Secretary; Donald Brown, Council Liaison

Absent: Mayor Anthony DellaPia

Minutes: It was moved by Jane Crocker and seconded by Whitney Huston to approve the minutes of the May 2026 Board meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

President's Report: Lisa shared an awareness statement with the board regarding a senate bill addressing library e-book pricing and contract restrictions. She encouraged the board to write to their senator asking for support of this bill. Lisa will resend an email from May which includes a template.

Treasurer's Report: Resolution No. 2026-23 was moved by Shaun Giberson and seconded by Vicky Binetti to authorize payment of all obligations on the June 2026 bill list, in the amount of \$166,770.97. All in favor. Passed unanimously.

Director's Report: Sheila reported that summer reading started on Monday (June 15th) and there are already 99 children registered. (The 100th patron registered during the meeting.) Tomorrow (June 18th) marks 15 years that the library has been in the current building, and Sheila relayed statistics from that entire time period. She plans to have photo displays up tomorrow with highlights from the past 15 years.

The 2025 audit has been completed. Resolution No. 2026-24 was moved by Shaun Giberson and seconded by Whitney Huston to accept the 2025 audit prepared by Nightlinger, Colavita & Volpa, PA. All in favor. Passed unanimously.

Sheila provided an update to the strategic planning and highlighted Destination Dino Fridays. Plans for the 250th and 60th anniversaries are in progress. There is a webinar available for trustee training as well as an in-person session on October 17th in central New Jersey. Sheila read some of the positive comments received from patrons. Mahjong classes will be held on select Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting this fall.

Vicky reported that the bluebirds in the boxes had babies. A discussion was held about vehicles participating in Truck Night on July 29th.

Adjournment: It was moved by Jane Crocker and seconded by Gina Gurcsik to adjourn the meeting at 5:58 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.