

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

July 15, 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 July 15, 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.

Quorum: Lisa Bertolini, Victoria Binetti, Jane Crocker, Shaun Giberson, Whitney Huston, Frank Indriso, Catherine Matos

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

Absent: Gina Gurcsik, Salvatore Coppola, Mayor Anthony DellaPia

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

President's Report: Lisa provided a status update of the senate bill regarding e-books and encouraged the board to continue to write to their senator in support of the bill, which is currently in review.

Treasurer's Report: Resolution No. 2026-25 was moved by Whitney Huston and seconded by Vicky Binetti to authorize payment of all obligations on the July 2026 bill list, in the amount of \$184,017.05. All in favor. Passed unanimously.

Director's Report: Shaun provided notice that Alisa Palazzi, Supervisor – Elementary Education, will replace him as the superintendent's alternate. Shaun would remain available to attend and vote in the event Alisa is unable to be present.

There is a 250th anniversary art display in the gallery. The sports exchange was successful and a second one is being planned during evening hours in October. Vicky offered to cross-promote through the Environmental Commission.

Outreach for June set a record of 3,604 people. Summer reading is up to 462 children registered. Sheila reported other statistics increases.

The strategic planning goal of a canopy installation for outdoor programming is not a high priority at this time. There are current roofing issues that our maintenance provider is addressing. The collection development policy revision goal will begin in the fall to coincide with legislation changes and deadlines.

Sheila read some of the positive comments received from patrons.

A discussion was held regarding potential new libraries joining the LOGIN consortium as well as the library's participation in the township's podcast. Shaun mentioned a new preschool for Washington Township students this fall. Board and staff training guidelines and offerings were discussed.

Adjournment: It was moved by Jane Crocker and seconded by Whitney Huston to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.