HOWELL CARNEGIE DISTRICT LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING
Minutes of September 22, 2026

President Kathryn Tuck called the special meeting of the Howell Carnegie District Library Board of Trustees to order at 6:00 pm.

Jennifer Earl moved to approve the agenda as presented. Bob Ellis seconded, and a quorum of the board unanimously approved.

Members present: Jennifer Earl, Bob Ellis, Susan Pominville, Jacob Schlittler, Kathryn Tuck, Lauren Weber, and Heather White.

Members absent: None

Library Director Holly Ward Lamb, Steven Schneemann, Principal Architect, and Leah Popyk, Interior Designer, of MCD Architects, were present. Seven members of the public were also present. Attorney Thomas K. Dillon of Foster Swift Collins & Smith PC arrived at approximately 7:05 pm.

Bob Ellis moved to approve the consent agenda, which included Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2026. Lauren Weber seconded, and a quorum of the board unanimously approved.

Comments from Public: Trevor J. Gronseth thanked the board for removing the "volcano mulching" around the trees on library property.

Stephanie Booth shared her experiences at the Friends of the Library Book Sales. She noted the Friends "shake you down" to purchase a Friends bag and make it "intimidating" to come in and look at books during the Melonfest Book Sale. She also said the space for regular book sales is very small and would like the library to make it easier to get around in that space.

DISCUSSION

- Principal Architect Steven Schneemann and interior designer Leah Popyk reviewed progress on the space utilization study and the master plan and presented a conceptual design.

- At 7:17 pm, Bob Ellis moved that the board enter a closed session to discuss pending litigation in *Howell Carnegie District Library v. City of Howell, Michigan, Tax Tribunal Docket Number: 24-003163*. Heather White seconded, and the board was polled. All board members, except Jacob Schlittler, who abstained, approved.

- Jacob Schlittler recused himself from the closed session because he is a current member of the City of Howell's council.

- Kathryn Tuck reconvened the open session at 7:41 pm.

- Bob Ellis moved to approve the agreed settlement of *Howell Carnegie District Library v. City of Howell, Michigan, Tax Tribunal Docket Number: 24-003163,* as discussed in the closed session of this meeting. Susan Pominville seconded, and the board was polled. All board members, except Jacob Schlittler, who abstained, approved.

COMMENTS & CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS: Jacob Schlittler requested the library share information from Livingston County's MMPC (Materials Management Planning Committee) to assist with public engagement surveys.

Without objection, President Kathryn Tuck adjourned the meeting at 7:44 pm.

Kathleen Murray, Recording Secretary