Howell Carnegie District Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes of October 13, 2026

President Kathryn Tuck called the Howell Carnegie District Library Board of Trustees regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

Members present: Bob Ellis, Susan Pominville, Jacob Schlittler, Kathryn Tuck, Lauren Weber, and Heather White. Library Director Holly Ward Lamb and Amy Bush from Leader Dogs for the Blind were present. Four members of the public also attended.

Members absent: Jennifer Earl

Susan Pominville moved to excuse the absence of Jennifer Earl. Jacob Schlittler seconded, and a quorum of the board unanimously approved.

In-Service Training

Amy Bush, Director of Planned Giving for Leader Dogs for the Blind, presented information on wills and trusts.

Consent Agenda

Bob Ellis moved to approve the consent agenda, and Susan Pominville seconded.

Bob Ellis moved to remove the Closed Session Minutes of September 22, 2026, from the consent agenda. Susan Pominville seconded, and a quorum of the board unanimously approved.

Bob Ellis moved to approve the consent agenda as amended, including **a) Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes of September 22, 2026, b) Bills & Payrolls, including the payment register dated 09/01/2026 through 09/30/2026, for $155,934.26, and c) Use of Library Grounds application.** Susan Pominville seconded, and a quorum of the board unanimously approved.

Bob Ellis moved to approve the Closed Session Minutes of September 22, 2026. Lauen Weber seconded, and a quorum of the board unanimously approved. Jacob Schlittler abstained.

Comments from the Public

Stephanie Booth, City of Howell, stated that when the board goes into closed session and members of the public leave the meeting room, library staff should be advised. Last month, a staff member tried to “kick her out,” not realizing she was there for the board meeting. She also reiterated her concerns about the Friends of the Library’s “intimidating” behavior and said that was her only complaint.

President’s Report

President Kathryn Tuck reported that she and several board members participated in the Trivia for Literacy event sponsored by the Livingston County Literacy Coalition. She noted that the board member team tied for 5th/6th, and the library staff team came in 4th. She also advised that she and Trustee Lauren Weber will attend the MLA conference later this month.

Treasurer’s Report

The Treasurer’s Report is part of the library board packet. Treasurer Bob Ellis briefly reviewed the report with the board. Since no action is required, the report is filed.

Committee Reports

There are no committee reports this month.

Director’s Report

Director Holly Ward Lamb reported that there has been work on the front ramps and handrails (including a working lighting system) and that we are moving in the right direction.

Action Items: Unfinished Business

There is no unfinished business.

Action Items: New Business

- Susan Pominville moved to change the start time of the December 2026 board meeting from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Lauren Weber seconded, and a quorum of the board unanimously approved.
- Bob Ellis moved to allow wine to be served at the Trustee Holiday Gathering on December 8, 2026, after the library closes. Heather White seconded, and a quorum of the board unanimously approved.

Discussion Items

- Director Lamb gave a detailed review of MCD's presentation at the special board meeting on September 22, including the Space Utilization Study, Conceptual Design, and Master Plan.
- Director Lamb noted a quarterly update on the Strategic Plan. There were no discussion questions.
- Service Spotlight: Adult Programs

Comments and Concerns of Board Members

Lauren Weber enjoyed the Library's Night at the Museum and ArtConnect events and said she appreciates the unique opportunities the library offers.

Without objection, President Kathryn Tuck adjourned the meeting at 8:48 pm.

Kathleen Murray, Recording Secretary