

**Wicomico Public Library  
Board of Trustees Bimonthly Meeting  
Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at 4: p.m.**


**In Attendance:** Audrey Orr, Farah Yahya, Chip Dashiell, Esq., Pattie Tingle, Michele Schlehofer, PhD., Brian Bergen-Aurand, PhD, Seth Hershberger, Cheryl Nardiello

**Previous Minutes:** Ms. Orr made a **Motion** that the minutes of the August meeting be approved; Ms. Yahya seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. **Reports:** Mr. Dashiell went through the **Consent Agenda Reports: Usage/Programs and Grants/Outreach Reports** asking if there were any questions on each individual report. Dr. Bergen-Aurand made a **Motion** to approve the **Consent Agenda**; it was seconded by Ms. Yahya and was passed. The **Friends Foundation** had their October meeting with only the officers present; the next meeting of the full Board of Directors will be November fifth. The Board of Trustees are invited to attend the meeting. The Foundation Chair appointed Friends Committee member, Valerie Murphy, to serve as chair of that committee and she will be the liaison to the Friends Foundation Board of Directors. Dr. Schlehofer explained that the **EDI Committee** did most of the planning for Staff Day and the **CML Board** is having their annual meeting on November second at the Bowie Branch of Prince George's County Library. The Board is invited to attend; Dr. Finch was unable to attend the meeting and Seth shared report on ESRL. Speaking on behalf of the **Nominating Committee**, Ms. Orr recommended Ghelsye Phillips-Hutton as a nominee to the Board of Trustees. Ms. Orr brought a **Motion to advance the nomination** to the County Executive. Dr. Schlehofer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The two nominations that were sent to the County Executive after the last board meeting have not been brought before the Council yet. Cheryl explained the **Assistant Director's Report** and the monthly **Financial Reports**. Dr. Bergen-Aurand brought a **Motion** to approve the Financial Reports; Ms. Orr seconded it, and it was approved by all. **Business:** Seth explained the changes and details of the Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2026 through FY 2030 and Patti brought a **Motion to approve the CIP**. Dr. Bergen-Aurand seconded the motion, and it was passed. Project READ is being restructured as part of the Community Support Center. Regarding the Capital Projects that are underway, the Sarbanes Branch is in the planning phase and the Parsonsburg Branch is in the tear down phase with hopes that it will be completed before the end of the fiscal year. The Parsonsburg Design Unveiling is scheduled for later this evening, and there will be a visit to Wicomico County by the State Librarian, Morgan Miller on November 5. On November 14 and December 12, the Library will host a program called "Building our Library Together" that will include discussion and suggestions from the public regarding the Sarbanes Branch relocation.

Dr. Bergen-Aurand brought a **Motion to Adjourn** at 5:20pm; it was seconded by Ms. Yahya and unanimously approved.

**Next Meeting will be Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.  
at the Schumaker Pond Location**

Respectfully Submitted:

  
Pattie Tingle, Secretary



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