

Ellenville Public Library & Museum

February 17, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Trustees Donald Odom Jr, Cassie Spoor, Yolanda Osuba, Elizabeth Straub, Moranda Bromberg, attorney Dawn Conklin, Interim Library Director Joyce Sharpton

- I. Call to order 6:05 pm (DO)
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Minutes
 - a. **MOTION:** accept the minutes for January with no modifications (CS/YO/unanimous)
 - i. The minutes are in the Shared Google Drive
- III. Financial Reports
 - A. Treasurer's report
 - a. Printed for the board this week.
 - b. **MOTION:** to acknowledge receipt of financial reports (CS/ES/unanimous)
 - B. Bills to be paid
 - a. **MOTION:** accepted (CS/ES/unanimous)
 - C. Budget analysis
 - a. **MOTION:** accepted (CS/YO/unanimous)
- IV. Petitioners
 - a. None
- V. Correspondence
 - a. Correspondence A. From private citizen about concerns on the space being used by social work caseworkers for supervised parent children meetings. Will be addressed with the specific caseworker.
 - b. A food drive will be March 25th this year and Elizabeth Straub will be the board contact.
 - c. Copy of Secret Creek by Rocco Jacobins DVM sent gratis to the library.
- I. Committee Reports
 - A. Building & Grounds
 - a. Positive feedback from staff on new heating.
 - b. All the furniture has been approved.
 - c. Look into replacing the carpet in the community room.
 - d. Add signage and a waterproof cover for the free books.
 - B. Personnel Committee

MOTION: Change Joyce Sharpton title from Librarian 1 to Director effective today.
(CS/YO/unanimous)
 - C. Planning Committee
 - a. In abeyance.
- VIII. Old Business
 - a. DASNY construction grant work is all completed. Waiting on the official letter and payments to come in later this year.
 - b. Elizabeth working on 2027 budget. We can add into the budget while still saying under the 2% tax cap. Electric bills have increased a bit but fuel oil has decreased. Health insurance costs will increase but we had room for that reality. We have a comfortable cushion in our budget. Will be presented at the next meeting.
- IX. New Business
 1. Reports
 - A. Director/Children's Librarian Report- see attached. Nothing of note.
 - B. Adult/Teen Programmer- see attached. Advocacy day went well.
 - C. Museum Manager- see attached. Nothing of note.
 2. Library Director - Joyce Sharpton is now our Library Director.
 3. Approve items to for deaccession.

MOTION: Deaccession of all listed items. (CS/YO/unanimous)
MOTION: to adjourn at 6:38 (ES/YO/unanimous).

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE MONDAY MARCH 16, 2025