

Ellenville Public Library & Museum

June 22, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Trustees Don Odom, Elizabeth Straub, Yolonda Osuba, attorney Dawn Conklin, prospective trustee Cheryl LaSonde, director Joyce Sharpton, absent with just cause Moranda Bromberg

- I. Call to order 6:06pm (DO)
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Board Member Appointment
 - A. **MOTION:** to appoint Cheryl LaSonde to the Board of Trustees for a 1-year term until the next electoral opportunity at the budget vote in 2027.
(YO/LS/unanimous)
- III. Minutes
 - A. **MOTION:** to accept the minutes for May after the three corrections listed below are complete (LS/YO/unanimous)
 - 1. Section V. Petitioners, subpoint b should say: “Zumba class on Wednesdays has been cut down from 4 times a month to 2-3 a **month**. Ten class members wrote a letter requesting the library goes back to 4 days a month. Director Sharpton suggests we keep the Zumba to 2-3 times a month so we free up some of our adult programming budget.”
 - 2. Section VI. Committee Reports, subpoint B.b should include the following motion: to approve Nicole Sorbara’s request to buy back 5 of her sick days. (YO/MB/unanimous)
 - 3. The next meeting note at the end of the minutes should be updated to say 2026.
- IV. Financial Reports
 - A. Treasurer’s Report
 - 1. Emailed to the Board this week.
 - 2. **MOTION:** to acknowledge the receipt of financial reports.
(LS/YO/unanimous)
 - B. Bills to be Paid
 - 1. None.
 - C. Budget Analysis
 - 1. None at this time.
- V. Petitioners
 - A. None.
- VI. Correspondence

- A. Thank you note from Ellenville Regional Hospital Auxiliary for allowing them to use our space for their event.
 - B. Thank you note from Floor Coverings International for using their services.
 - C. Thank you note Peter Fletcher for hosting his concert here.
 - D. Letter from Landscape Innovators requesting permission to plant flowers before bid for lawncare service is selected.
- VII. Committee Reports
- A. Building & Grounds
 - B. Personnel Committee
 - 1. Trustee Straub announced that she will be stepping down from her position on September 1, 2026.
 - 2. The Personnel Committee is working on the request from Director Sharpton.
 - C. Planning Committee
- VIII. Old Business
- A. DASNY Construction Grant
 - 1. Just waiting for financial award information to be received later this year.
- IX. New Business
- A. Reports were given to the Board and will be attached.
 - 1. Director/Children's Services Report
 - 2. Teen/Adult Programmer Report
 - 3. Museum Manager Report

MOTION: to accept the reports as presented (YO/LS/unanimous)
 - B. **MOTION:** to approve the Officers of the EPL&M Committee Appointments (LS/YO/unanimous)
 - C. **MOTION:** to accept the summer season coverage bid for lawncare service from Castro & Brothers (LS/CL/unanimous)
 - D. The Severus Foundation made a very generous donation to the Library and Director Sharpton would like to use those funds to replace the tables and chairs in the adult and teen section of the Library. The donation would cover almost all the furniture, but a small remainder of the purchase and the shipping costs would have to be covered by reappropriated funds to the equipment budget.

MOTION: to use the donation from the Severus Foundation to purchase new furniture for the adult section of the Library and to reappropriate \$600 to the equipment budget to cover the rest of the purchase (LS/YO/unanimous)
 - E. **MOTION:** to deaccession item 71-207 old magazine rack from children's room (YO/LS/unanimous)
- MOTION:** to adjourn at 7:08pm (LS/YO/unanimous)

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE MONDAY, JULY 20, 2026