Ellenville Public Library & Museum

July 20, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

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

I. Call to order 5:57pm (DO)
    A. Pledge of Allegiance
II. Minutes
    A. **MOTION:** to accept the minutes for June (ES/YO/unanimous)
III. Financial Reports
    A. Treasurer's Report
        1. Emailed to the Board this week.
        2. **MOTION:** to acknowledge the receipt of financial reports. (ES/YO/unanimous)
    B. Bills to be Paid
        1. None.
    C. Budget Analysis
        1. None at this time.
IV. Petitioners
    A. Prospective trustee Colleen Creighton
    B. Three community friends from the NAACP attended to witness Cheryl's oath of office as new trustee
V. Correspondence
    A. Summer Reading items from RCLS and Love Our Library funds
    B. RCLS Trustee Education Mid-Year Report
VI. Committee Reports
    A. Building & Grounds
    B. Personnel Committee
        1. The Personnel Committee recommends conformity for all staff members to receive the same number of paid days for holiday closings
            a) **MOTION:** to allow for conformity for non-unionized personnel to receive the same holiday pay for the 2026 Independence Day holiday as unionized staff. (YO/ES/unanimous)
        2. The Personnel Committee is working on the request from Director Sharpton.
    C. Planning Committee
VII. Old Business
    A. DASNY Construction Grant

        1. Just waiting for financial award information to be received later this year.

VIII. New Business

A. Reports were given to the Board and will be attached.
    1. Director/Children’s Services Report
        a) **MOTION:** to add the rebate money from Central Hudson to the equipment budget line (ES/CL/unanimous)
    2. Teen/Adult Programmer Report
    3. Museum Manager Report

    MOTION: to accept the reports as presented (YO/LS/unanimous)
B. Cheryl LaSonde and Yolonda Osuba took the oath of office for their 1-year terms
C. The members of the Board were all given a copy of the Conflict of Interest Policy to fill out with current information and return to Director Sharpton
D. **MOTION:** to deaccession items 71-109 and 71-110 extra chairs from director’s office; 71-74, 71-75, 75-20-1, 75-20-2, 75-20-3, 75-20-4, 75-20-5, and 90-5 tables from Adult Room of Library; 71-84, 75-3-1, 75-3-2, 75-3-3, 75-3-4, 75-3-5, 75-3-6, 75-3-8, 75-3-9, 75-3-10, 75-3-12, 75-3-13, 75-3-14, 75-3-15, 75-3-16, 75-3-17, 75-3-18, 75-3-19, 75-3-20, 75-3-21, 75-3-22, 75-3-23, 75-3-24, 76-8, 76-10, 76-11, 76-12, 76-15, 76-17, 76-18, and 76-19 chairs from Adult Room of Library (YO/ES/unanimous)
E. **MOTION:** to appoint Colleen Creighton to the Board of Trustees for a 1-year term until the next electoral opportunity at the budget vote in 2027, effective September 1, 2026 (ES/YO/unanimous)

MOTION: to adjourn at 6:40pm (CL/YO/unanimous)

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2026