

Wharton Public Library Board of Trustees

Minutes: December 16, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Michele Howe at 7:06 PM

Present: Ana Jones, Michele Howe, Colleen Pascale, Christopher Roman, Dr. Connie Sanchez

Also in attendance: Virginia Halprin, Library Director

Absent: Lenor Vasquez, Deb DiMatteo

Public Notice - Read aloud by Mrs. Howe followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes - Motion to approve the minutes from November 2025 meeting made by Ana Jones, Colleen Pascale 2nd

Correspondence – NONE

Committee Report: Reviewed bill list and Motion to pass resolution 65, bills list totaling \$6048.50 by Ms. Jones, second Mr. Roman; approved.

President's Report: Mrs. Howe:

- Friends' funds transfer remains on hold – since Joe Kovalcik's passing Dave Young is interim contact
- Mentioned Friends' future fundraising
- Donor list still needed

Library Director's Report Highlights:

- Better World Books Partnership – they buy our old books at 20%, fundraising for Friends of Library
- Awaiting Canal Society pickup of the anchor
- Mako repaired heat twice as heat not keeping up.
- Rekeying of bathrooms doors and cleaning closet not yet done
- Programming is doing well and high attendance for Holiday events
- ABCO promised estimates, still not received (for security system)

Public Portion - No members of the public were present.

Old Business – None

New Business – Discussion regarding doors, locks, and emergency evacuations brought up by Ms. Pascale. Suggestion to discuss with Chief Young to determine best approach and plan to make Library safer.

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn at 8:06pm by Ms. Pascale, seconded by Ms. Jones- all in favor.