

SHAKER HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
May 18, 2026

Attendance

Members Present: Dr. Barnard, Dr. Bynum, Ms. Cole-Kelly, Dr. Rogen, Mr. Yépez

Members Absent: Ms. Tendulkar, Mr. Turner

Staff Present: Ms. Ritchey, Ms. Smith, Implementation Team

Dr. Barnard called the regular meeting of the Shaker Heights Public Library Board of Trustees to order at 6:34 p.m. at the Main Library.

Roll Call: Dr. Barnard, Dr. Bynum, Ms. Cole-Kelly, Dr. Rogen, Mr. Yépez

President's Report

A. Strategic Planning

Dr. Barnard appointed Ms. Cole-Kelly and Dr. Rogen to represent the Board on the upcoming strategic planning committee.

B. Forward Together

Dr. Barnard reported that she attended the Forward Together Steering Committee meeting on April 29, where the Shaker Youth Collaborative presented an update on their work.

Consent Agenda

- Approval of Minutes – April 20, 2026 Regular Meeting
- Financial Statements – April 30, 2026
- 2027 Alternative Tax Budget
- Gifts to be Accepted and Appropriated to the Designated Funds

General Fund (101)

Barrett Brown

Snacks for kids

\$1,000

Isaac Jacobson

\$25

Marilyn Kammer Memorial Fund (101)

Randy Kammer

\$25

Ruth Levenson Fund (219)

Allison & Aaron Williams

\$2,500

2026-12 Dr. Bynum moved, and Ms. Cole-Kelly seconded the motion to accept the consent agenda items as submitted.

Roll Call: Ayes: Dr. Barnard, Dr. Bynum, Ms. Cole-Kelly, Dr. Rogen, Mr. Yépez

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Fiscal Officer's Report

Ms. Ritchey provided an update regarding the meeting with Mr. Weiner from the Cleveland Foundation, Dr. Barnard, Dr. Rogen, Ms. Ritchey, and Ms. Switzer.

Director's Report

A. Director's Written Report

Ms. Switzer reviewed the director's written report. She noted that Ms. Maxey is retiring after over fifteen years as the Adult Services Manager and wished her well in her retirement.

B. Community Leaders Survey Finding

Ms. Maxey presented a summary of the Community Leaders Survey findings. Staff interviewed twenty-seven community leaders to develop an understanding of shared concerns and aspirations across the community. There were five themes to the responses:

- Community Building
- Youth Well-being
- Economic Development and the Tax Base
- Safety
- Environmental Sustainability

C. First Quarter Statistics

Mr. Grabski presented the first quarter usage statistics.

New Business

A. Personnel Action

Hired:

April White, Afterschool Associate, part-time, level 20, effective 04/28/2026

End of Employment:

Haimanti Pakrashi, Library Associate Substitute, part-time, level 18, effective 04/29/2026

B. Other New Business

None

C. Executive Session

2026-13 Dr. Rogen moved, and Dr. Bynum seconded the motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code, to discuss details relative to the security arrangements and emergency response protocols for a public body or a public office, when disclosure of the matters discussed could reasonably be expected to jeopardize the security of the public body or public office.

Roll Call: Ayes: Dr. Barnard, Dr. Bynum, Ms. Cole-Kelly, Dr. Rogen, Mr. Yépez

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Trustees entered executive session at 7:12 p.m.

Trustees returned to regular session at 7:53 p.m.

Adjournment

Since there was no further business to discuss, Dr. Bynum moved, and Ms. Cole-Kelly seconded the motion to adjourn the regular board meeting at 7:55 p.m. and trustees unanimously agreed. The next regular meeting of the Shaker Heights Public Library Board of Trustees is scheduled for Monday, June 15, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Laura Barnard, President

Susan Ritchey, Fiscal Officer

Rajani Tendulkar, Secretary