

SHAKER HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
September 28, 2026

Attendance

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

Members Absent: Dr. Rogen

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

Dr. Barnard called the regular meeting of the Shaker Heights Public Library Board of Trustees to order at 6:36 p.m. at the Main Library.

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

Community Comments

None.

Executive Session

2026-27 Dr. Bynum moved, and Ms. Cole-Kelly seconded the motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code, to review negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Trustees entered executive session at 6:37 p.m.

Trustees returned to regular session at 6:53 p.m.

President's Report

Dr. Barnard thanked the board members who attended the special joint meeting with City Council and the Board of Education. She also thanked Ms. Marshall for representing the library in the Shaker Youth Collaborative and for her work on the panel at the special meeting.

Presentation: Scott Robertson, Maintenance

Mr. Robertson presented information regarding the Maintenance department.

Consent Agenda

- Approval of Minutes – August 17, 2026 Regular Meeting
- Financial Statements – August 31, 2026
- Gifts to be Accepted and Appropriated to the Designated Funds

General Fund (101)

Barrett Brown	
Snacks for kids	\$1,000
Roberta Weinberg	
In memory of Isabel Hewlett, former Shaker Librarian	\$250
Isaac Jacobson	\$25

Frances Belman Fund (210)

Marilyn Gardner	
In memory of Frances Belman's birthday	\$25

2026-28 Mr. Turner moved, and Dr. Bynum seconded the motion to accept the consent agenda items as submitted.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Fiscal Officer's Report

None.

Director's Report

A. Director's Written Report

Ms. Switzer shared her written report. She noted that the Shaker Heights Architectural Board of Review approved the design of the refurbished monument signs for the Main Library and Bertram Woods Branch. She expects installation of the signs in November.

B. Letter Agreement between Shaker Heights Public Library and Ohio Local Union of Public School Employees/AFSCME Local 313

2026-29 Dr. Bynum moved, and Mr. Turner seconded the motion to accept the Letter of Agreement between Shaker Heights Public Library and Ohio Local Union of Public School Employees/AFSCME Local 313.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

C. Memorandum of Understanding between Shaker Heights Public Library and Ohio Local Union of Public School Employees/AFSCME Local 313

2026-30 Mr. Turner moved, and Dr. Bynum seconded the motion to accept the Memorandum of Understanding between Shaker Heights Public Library and Ohio Local Union of Public School Employees/AFSCME Local 313.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

D. PM 770 Workplace Violence Prevention Policy

Ms. Switzer requested approval of the proposed revisions to PM 770 Workplace Violence Prevention Policy.

2026-31 Dr. Bynum moved, and Mr. Turner seconded the motion to approve the PM 770 Workplace Violence Prevention Policy revisions as submitted.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

E. Strategic Planning Update

Ms. Switzer said that the Strategic Planning Committee working to refresh the current strategic plan have met twice and have a third meeting scheduled for October 27. Additional meetings are in the process of being scheduled and the committee anticipates bringing the updated strategic plan to the Board for review in early 2027.

New Business

A. Personnel Action

Hired:

Jessica Porter, Children's Librarian, full-time, level 22, effective 8/31/2026

B. Other New Business

None.

Adjournment

Since there was no further business to discuss, Mr. Turner moved, and Ms. Tendulkar seconded a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting at 7:22 p.m. and trustees unanimously agreed. The next regular meeting of the Shaker Heights Public Library Board of Trustees is scheduled for Monday, October 19, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Laura Barnard, President

Susan Ritchey, Fiscal Officer

Rajani Tendulkar, Secretary