



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Lewes Public Library Board of Commissioners
Board Meeting
Minutes of August 25, 2026

Attending the meeting were Lewes Public Library (LPL) Board of Commissioners members Maureen Miller, Chanta Howard-Wilkinson, Nancy Sakaduski, Leslie Newman, Glenn Regan, Maria Royce, Paul Sparrow, along with Library Assistant Director Kristen Gramer and Friends of the Public Library President Candace Vessella.

***Call to Order** at 10:03 a.m. by Maureen Miller

***Consent Agenda**

- Minutes of the July 28, 2026, Regular Meeting
- Financial Reports
- Fundraising Update Report

There was a short discussion regarding financial planning tools. Glenn will work with the Finance Committee on this.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

***Director's Report – Kristen Gramer**

No discussion.

***Board Committee Reports**

- Human Resources Committee – Not meeting during the summer
- Development Committee – Not meeting during the summer

There is a need for a new chair. Jill and Maureen will discuss options with an aim to restarting the committee in September, ideally after the strategic plan mission statement has been established. The committee will work to determine how the development plan can connect to the strategic plan.

***Friends' Report – Candace Vessella**

Candace reported that the history book sale is scheduled for September 18-19. FLPL needs volunteers for the event.

Future book sales have been added to the LPL calendar.

***Old Business**

- Libraries Strengthen Communities – Candace

The next Library Advisory Board meeting will be held September 16 at 10 am in Georgetown. The group will discuss the work of the consultant who will be creating a report for Sussex County Council. Board members are encouraged to attend.

- Strategic Planning – Maria Royce

Board members participated in a collaborative discussion, led by Maria, to determine elements of mission, vision, and values statements for the strategic plan. Maria will compile the board's comments and send them to staff for feedback. She will report back to the board.

There will be a board retreat September 22, 9:30 am, at the Delaware Community Foundation offices on Savannah Avenue, to discuss the LPL vision statement and strategic priorities.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:59 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Sakaduski, Secretary