

Minutes of Thursday, July 10, 2025, Board of Trustees Meeting of the Orange Public Library held at 6:45pm.

Karen Harris – On the phone
David McKnight
Louis Copeland- Late
Theresa Mason
Angie Smith
Johnathan Beckford

ALSO PRESENT:

April Cruz
Anthony James, Esq. Board of Trustees Attorney
Alice McMillian

ROLL CALL (8) PRESENT (1) LATE (0) ABSENT

Public Participation:

Nikkia Williams from NJ Association of Museum; looking to go over a game plan and grant with the library

Board meeting minutes – Table

Trustee Concerns:

Close session

Committee Report-

Building and Ground Report-

Complaints from staff that it's too cold; maybe they need to bring a sweater.
ADT will come and change thermostat, Narine is the only one with a key to the box
Issue with the lawn, Mayor saw it and said it looks terrible
Security has been change with Orange police, since the City lay off
Security Company allow female security to stay; officer 9-5pm; female 1-6pm, 1-5pm and 1-8pm
Poetry event 2 weeks ago, 7 people showed up and when they enter the library it was cancel
We can do a blast but the private contractor poetry has to do it on their own.
It was explain why event was cancel.
Contractor would like to work with us on the next event; contractor brought a muso and it was cancel by council member

Finance Report

\$67,000

\$21,000 payroll; \$50,000 towards staff unemployment; table \$50,000; \$64,000 pension paid

Motion to approve bill list

Moved by (Johnathan Beckford) Seconded by (Angie Smith)

All in favor (yes)

Moved by (Louis Copeland) second by (Theresa Mason)

Directors Report:

Zumba instructor requesting \$75.00, library paid her \$40.00

Attorney took in having ICE come into the building

Motion to go into close session; moved by Johnathan Beckford; Second by David McKnight

Motion: Resolution for Orange Library advocacy department

Motion moved by Johnathan Beckford

Second by Angie Smith

Louis Copeland –Abstain

Motion Pass

Motion: Resolution of Orange City Council of Orange Development

Motion moved by Johnathan Beckford

Second by Therese Mason

Karen Harris- Abstain

Louis Copeland- Abstain

Motion carry passed

Motion: Resolution for Police Officer

Motion moved by Johnathan Beckford

Second by Louis Copeland

Karen Harris- Abstain

Motion to adjourn

Moved by (Johnathan Beckford) seconded by (Angie Smith)

Next meeting August 14, 2025 at 6:30pm