

**TENAFLY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING  
January 12, 2026**

The Board of Trustees of the Tenafly Public Library met on January 12, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the library for its regular Board meeting.

Board Members Present: President Martin Gilbert, Vice President Kathleen Cook, Secretary/Treasurer Soon Juhng, David DiGregorio (Zoom), Julie Lev, Yelena Meytes (Zoom), Nicole Motz and Elizabeth Warms (Zoom).

Staff Present: Library Director Julie Marallo and Administrative Assistant Ann Marie Connolly.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Julie Marallo reported that notices of the meeting had been posted and sent to the media.

**2026 Board Reorganization**

**Oath of Office – Julie Lev**

Julie Lev took the Oath of Office as a reinstated member of the Library Board.

**Oath of Office – Yelena Meytes**

Yelena Meytes took the Oath of Office as a reinstated member of the Library Board.

**Oath of Office – Nicole Motz**

Nicole Motz took the Oath of Office as a reinstated member of the Library Board.

**2026 Election of Board Officers.**

The following were nominated:

**President** – Martin Gilbert. Moved by: Nicole Motz. Seconded by: Kathleen Cook. Elected Unanimously.

**Vice President** – Kathleen Cook. Moved by: Nicole Motz. Seconded by: Elizabeth Warms. Elected Unanimously.

**Secretary/Treasurer** – Soon Juhng. Moved by: Nicole Motz. Seconded by: Martin Gilbert. Elected Unanimously.

**Minutes**

Board members approved the Minutes of the regular Board meeting of December 8, 2025. Moved by: Elizabeth Warms. Seconded by: Kathleen Cook. Unanimously approved.

Board members approved the Minutes of the Executive Board meeting of December 8, 2025. Moved by: Kathleen Cook. Seconded by: Nicole Motz. Unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

Martin Gilbert reviewed with the Board the Library's Financial Statements of December 2025. He noted that he had examined and approved of the statements, and reported that they were current and accurate. A motion was made to approve the financial reports. Moved by: Nicole Motz. Seconded by: Julie Lev. Unanimously approved.

**Library Funds Budget - 2026**

The Board discussed the 2026 Library Funds Budget presented by Library Director, Julie Marallo. After discussion the Board approved the budget as presented. Moved by: Elizabeth Warms. Seconded by: Nicole Motz. Unanimously approved.

### **BCCLS 2026 Certification of Agreement**

The Board discussed and agreed that the Tenafly Public Library was in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Bergen County Cooperative Library System. Elizabeth Warms moved to certify the Agreement and Soon Juhng seconded the motion. Unanimously approved. Board President Martin Gilbert and Library Director Julie Marallo will sign the BCCLS Certification of Agreement.

### **Correspondence**

None.

### **President's Report**

Martin Gilbert discussed how current events are impacting New Jersey libraries.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

None

### **Report from the Mayor's Alternate**

Mayor Zinna informed Nicole Motz that discussions are starting again about developing a new community center which might include the library.

The Borough Council has formed a committee to work with an engineering firm that will help determine the possible locations, the structure itself, and the total costs involved.

### **Report from the Superintendent's Alternate**

David DeGregorio informed Board members of the status of the renovation plans for the High School and the Middle School

### **Citizen's Portion of the Meeting**

None

### **Any Other Business**

None

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m. to go into Closed Session.

Moved by: Soon Juhng. Seconded by: Kathleen Cook. Unanimously accepted.

The Board returned from Closed Session at 8:11 p.m.

The following Resolution was approved by the Board of Trustees:

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:** The Board of Trustees of the Free Public Library of the Borough of Tenafly in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey approves of establishing a new position entitled "Information Technology and World Languages Librarian" with a starting salary of \$80,000.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m. Moved by: Martin Gilbert. Seconded by Julie Lev. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Soon Juhng  
Secretary/Treasurer

The next regular meeting of the Library Board of Trustees will be on Monday, February 9, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Approved: February 9, 2026