

Kent County Public Library Board of Trustees

Minutes of the January 6, 2025 Meeting

Present: Erin Counihan, Trustee; Rachel Durso, Trustee; John Murphy, Trustee; Melissa Walters, Trustee; Robert Bell, Executive Director; Chris Walmsley, Executive Secretary; Deborah Westerland

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm by John Murphy as the Vice President.

Election of Officers for 2025

The trustees discussed which officer position could be taken by which trustee.

Mr. Murphy proposed Ms. Durso for President, Ms. Walters for Vice President, Mr. Murphy as Treasurer, and Ms. Counihan as Secretary. The trustees discussed Ms. Counihan continuing as Secretary, noting that she had served the previous two years, but due to the limited number of current trustees, it rose to the extraordinary circumstances bar established by the bylaws. Ms. Durso seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Schedule of Meetings

The trustees discussed continuing the schedule of meetings from the previous year: the last Monday of the month, but noted that with three vacancies, this may not work for the majority of the trustees. The trustees established the next meeting as January 28, 2025 at 4:30 pm.

Committee Appointments

The Finance Committee was appointed as Mr. Murphy chair as treasurer, with Ms. Durso and Ms. Walters serving on the committee.

Ms. Counihan was appointed as the Eastern Shore Regional Library representative.

The trustees deferred additional committee appointments and organization representatives to the January 28th meeting to account for anticipated trustee appointments.

New Business

Mr. Bell noted that it was likely that the library opening would be delayed on January 7, 2025 due to the snow.

No further business was brought before the trustees.

Mr. Murphy moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Durso seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.