

Mountainside Public Library  
Board of Trustees- February 2, 2026 Rescheduled from January 26, 2026  
Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Alison Murphy (AM) President    Ashley Osieja (AO) Treasurer  
Jovan Siconolfi (JS) Secretary    Paul Nittoly (PN)  
Saverio Zipeto (SZ)                Natalie Crisafulli (NC)                Donald Rinaoldo, Jr. (DR)  
Library Director- Tammy Shaw (TS)

Absent: Linda Papatatto and Zach Jabri

Governance:

The meeting was held in-person, with virtual option viz Zoom for Trustees only.

The meeting was brought to order by AM at 7:05pm

Alison Murphy was sworn in by TS

Saverio Zipeto was sworn in by AM

Motion to approve December meeting minutes (SZ/AO)

Director's Report

Year at a glance: Total circ up 20% over 2024 and Visits up 16%. This month included Lunar New Year Program and a Memorial Travel Program Kick Off

Some of the 2025 items: wireless printing, pick-up lockers, converted email and more complex purchasing process

Some items in 2026 budget proposal: material purchases, website and building improvements, increased programming with marketing, new patron copier, Makers' space, upgrading 3D printer and the change to Positive Pay and Difference Card administration.

There is also a legal change to the notices required for Public Meetings.

1/27 moved to 2/2, 2/23 moved to 3/2, 3/16, 4/20, 5/18, 6/15, 7/20, 9/21, 10/19, 11/16, 12/21

Motion presented regarding the public notifications and how to notify the Schedule of Public Meetings – 2026-01 Resolution to commit to proper legal posting of meeting dates passed (PN/AO)

Building and Grounds

1/18 a tree fell on the parking lot and building: no damage resulting in delayed opening

1/20 snow storm, delayed opening.

Window and Roof bid process started; Bids outline work to be completed by end of October

Finance

2025 had a shortfall in revenue due to lower insurance contributions due to staffing and account interests amts.

2025 underspending in purchasing of library materials due to new staffing and supply chain changes

Resulted in \$51713 unspent, proposing to move to Restricted funds for future Capital and Technology updates

Motion to move the \$51713 to Restricted Account (AO/PN)

2026 Budget

Proposed budget 11.38% increase over 2025

Included Consortium changes, Building and Grounds repairs, Telephone system update, Copier and Furniture equipment updates, 3D printer upgrade and increasing programming and the marketing and increasing the professional development line to accommodate. Overall the cost of doing business is greater.

Personnel strategy reviewed for the 3% increase across the board, and adding Circulation assistants to increase to 8-9 people (80-85 hours a week). Moving the Principal Technical Assistant to Full time and creating a Circulation assistant and Programs Asst position.

Motion to approve increase for Tamara Shaw (AO/NC)

Motion to approve the 2026 budget (SZ/JS)

Resolutions presented by TS

2026-02, Nancy Lamchek's resignation (SZ/PN)

2026-03, Margaret Salvo hired as PT Circulation Assistant (AO/NC)

2026-04, Carolee Lavey move to FT Principal Technology Assistant (AO/JS)

2026-05, Kavi Jupta's resignation from Shelver position (JS/PN)

Treasurer's Report

Reminder January Bill List was approved by email

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report (PN/NC)

New Business

WATTS foundation in touch with ideas of spending of funds

Mini Golf review – Fantastic event - attendance was high; Adult night 42-55 people, Family Day 350-400 people. Grossed \$12k and should net \$8-9000. Social media showed 4069 views

Motion to adjourn 8:29P (AO/SZ)

Next Meeting is February 23, 2026, 7PM