The Trenton Free Public Library Board of Trustees
120 Academy Street, Trenton, NJ 08608
January 8, 2026 at 6:00pm
Reorganization Meeting

Trustees: Lavern Rice (President), Elizabeth Yull (Treasurer), Rick Kavin (Recording Secretary, Mayor's Delegate), Patricia Smith, *Robert McGuckin (Superintendent's Delegate)*, and *Blanca Ohler*

(**italics* indicate that the trustee was not present at this meeting)

City Council Liaison: Councilwoman Jennifer Williams *(not present)*

Library Personnel: Karen O'Malley (Director)

I. Call to Order

A. Lavern Rice, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:04

II. Announcement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Law

A. Announced by Director Karen O'Malley
B. Statement is hereby made that adequate notice of this meeting was given by:
    1. Posting written notice prominently at the Trenton Public Library main entrance, the Library website, and Facebook.
    2. The mailing of said notice to the *Trentonian*.

III. Roll Call for Quorum

A. Present: Lavern Rice, Elizabeth Yull, Patricia Smith *(via phone)*, and Rick Kavin
B. Not Present: Robert McGuckin and Blanca Ohler

IV. Agenda Approval

A. Rick Kavin requested adding the 2026 Schedule of Meetings to the agenda
B. Rick Kavin made the motion to approve the 2026 Reorganization Meeting agenda with the noted addition
C. Patricia Smith seconded the approval of the agenda
D. Motion passes 4-0

V. Election of Officers

A. At the December Board meeting, Lavern Rice, Rick Kavin, and Elizabeth Yull were nominated for Board President, Secretary, and Treasurer, respectively. No other nominations were submitted. At the instruction of Board President Elizabeth Yull, and in his role as Board Secretary, Rick Kavin cast a single vote for the nominated slate – there were no objections. This vote was reaffirmed 4-0, with Lavern Rice putting forth the motion and Rick Kavin seconding.

VI. Accountant for 2026

A. *(tabled until February meeting)*

VII. Attorney for 2026

A. *(tabled until February meeting)*

VIII. 2026 Schedule of Meetings

A. Elizabeth Yull made the motion to adopt the following meeting schedule for 2026, with meetings to be held on the second Thursday of each month:

1. February 12
2. March 12
3. April 9
4. May 14
5. June 11
6. July 9
7. August 13
8. September 10
9. October 8
10. November 12
11. December 10
12. January 14, 2027

B. Lavern Rice seconded the motion

C. Motion passes 4-0

IX. Adjournment

A. Elizabeth Yull made a motion to adjourn

B. There were no objections

C. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm

Prepared and submitted by:

Rick Kavin
TFPL Board of Trustees Recording Secretary