CITY OF DOVER

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES---MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular
Meeting Location: McConnell Center, 61 Locust St., Dover, NH 03820
Meeting Date: **Thursday, March 5, 2026**
Meeting Time: **4:00pm**

CALL TO ORDER--The March meeting was called to order at 4:04pm by Michael Egan. Also attending were Denise LaFrance, Beth Evans, Ann Schultz, April Richer, and Patty Falconer. Cliff Blake, Jill Martin, Dorothy Wagner, and Jean Finnerty were excused absences.

1. **MINUTES**—Minutes of the February meeting were approved on a motion made by Ann Schultz and seconded by Beth Evans. Unanimously approved.

2. **NON PUBLIC FORUM ---** (EVERY OTHER MONTH**)**

3. **REPORT OF THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR (FEBRUARY) --** The Report of the Library Director was approved on a motion made by Beth Evans and seconded by Ann Schultz. Unanimously approved.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE—NONE TO REPORT**.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

   A. Renovation Updates: All the flooring is installed and finishing touches are being worked on. Granite front steps and railings are being redone. The transfer switch has arrived and was installed. Elevator is in and waiting to be connected to permanent power.
   B. Furniture: Wood chairs and tables have been ordered through a local company. Working with another company to order soft seating. Items for Children's Room will be ordered soon.
   C. Closing Services to be offered: The moving process will begin on Monday April 20 with the reopening of the renovated library on Friday, June 5. During this six week period, the library will offer limited services in Room 306 of the McConnell Center. On Mondays 9:00-8:30 and Wednesdays 9:00-5:00, patrons will be able to borrow new materials, have access to computers and printers, and read newspapers. The Children's staff will offer two storytimes per week and an event during April school vacation. Interlibrary loan services will continue as well as Homebound delivery and All Abilities at Great Bay Services. Publicity is going out to alert the public to this information.
   D. Friends Fundraising: The Friends have raised $85,000 for purchasing furniture.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

   A. Re-opening Celebration: There will be an Open House for the public on June 5 and 6 where patrons will be able to explore the renovated building. There will be tours prior to these dates for Trustees, City Council, Friends of the Library, and

City employees.

8. **ITEMS OF CONCERN**: The Director presented the budget to City Council on March 4. An art installer was consulted and will present a quote for hanging the Treddick collection.

9. **Adjournment--** The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 pm on a motion made by Ann Schultz and seconded by Beth Evans. Unanimously approved.

NEXT MEETING DATE: THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026