



Free Library of Northampton Township

Library Board Meeting

January 8, 2026

Board Members Present: Chip Heim (President), Larry Blumenthal (Vice President), Eleanora Rosso (Secretary), Jessica Freundel (Treasurer), Charles Beem, Janet Braker

Staff Present: Wayne Lahr (Library Director)

Citizens Present: Paula Gasper (Supervisor Liaison); Spyros Stavrakas (new Board member, 2/2026)

Call to Order

President called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

Reading of Library Mission and Vision Statement

Freundel read the Mission and Vision Statements.

Approval of December 2025 Minutes

The Board approved the December 2025 Minutes unanimously.

Library Director Report

The Director distributed his monthly report in advance of the meeting. Discussion items:

- Heim and Braker's Board terms have been renewed. Braker begins her 2nd full term while now having served 4.5 years; Heim begins his 4th full term while having served 11 years.
- Denise Bierach has been appointed the new Circulation Manager.
- Wayne has had preliminary communications with the Township facilities manager to discuss painting needed to incorporate branding into the library based on input from the staff and discussion in November's Board meeting. He is also pursuing new furniture/equipment for Children's area.
- 2 items to plan for in 2026 that will be addressed in future meetings:
 - Updating by-laws
 - Finalizing discussion around what should be in the new Board Member Orientation Guide

2026 Library Board Meeting Dates

April and December 2026 meetings have been moved to the 3rd Thursday of the month to avoid conflicts with holidays, as suggested by township administration.

Policy Update: Use of Patron Data in Library Advancement Policy

Proposed revision was approved unanimously. This revision keeps us in line with the recently updated BCLD Policy.

Election of FLNT Library 2026 Board Officers

The following slate of candidates was approved unanimously

President: Larry Blumenthal

Vice President: Eleanora Rosso

Treasurer: Jessica Freundel

Secretary: Janet Braker

Public Comment

None

For the Good of the Order / Miscellaneous

New Library Board member, Spyros Stavrakas, was in attendance at the meeting. Introductions were made by everyone present. He was formally appointed to the position by the Township Board of Supervisors at their reorganization meeting on January 5. Stavrakas will begin serving his initial term immediately.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanora K. Rosso

Eleanora Rosso (Secretary)

1/8/26

Date