

The Board of Library Trustees, Lakewood, Ohio Thursday, May 14, 2026

The Board of Library Trustees of the Lakewood Public Library, City of Lakewood, County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio, met in regular session in the Board Room of the Madison Branch Library, 13229 Madison Avenue, Lakewood, OH on Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 7:00 P.M.

Members present: Mrs. Nancy Seibert, Mr. Jeffrey Endress, Mr. Michael Artbauer, Mrs. April Hoy and Mr. Gipson.

Members excused: Mr. Scott Kermode.

Also present: Mr. James Crawford, Mrs. Andrea Fisher, Manager of the Madison Branch, and Mr. William Costello, Jr., CPA.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Artbauer, seconded by Mrs. Seibert, to approve the Agenda for May 14, 2026.

Yeas: Mrs. Seibert, Mr. Endress, Mr. Artbauer, Mrs. Hoy and Mr. Gipson.

Abstained: None.

Nays: None.

The President declared the motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication dated May 12, 2026, from Michelle Vecha reporting that the Lakewood Public Library received first place in the Best Library in Northeast Ohio category in this year's Northeast Ohio Parent Magazine readers' choice awards.

Communication from Mark Aaron Polger, Ph.D., from the American Library Association's Awards and Scholarships Division reporting that on Saturday, June 27, 2026, at 11:30 a.m. , at the McCormick Place Convention Center in Chicago, Illinois, the American Library Association will be presenting twenty-five awards for excellence in library programming, public relations, publicity and community engagement. Two of these awards will be presented to the Lakewood Public Library, one for the Library's *Besa: Muslims Who Saved Jews During the Holocaust* omnibus programming, and one for the Library's Fall 2024/Winter 2025 program season.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Seibert, seconded by Mrs. Hoy, approval of the minutes as amended of the regular meeting of April 9, 2026.

Yeas: Mrs. Seibert, Mr. Endress, Mr. Artbauer, Mrs. Hoy and Mr. Gipson.

Abstained: None.

Nays: None.

The President declared the motion carried.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Andrea Fisher reported on the community survey that will be going out online and in paper format. The survey will run for six weeks and will be promoted in the Library and via community partners.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND BILLS

Mr. Costello reported on the April 2026 Financials.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Business Management and Finance

No report.

Building and Supplies

Mr. Artbauer reported that three rooftop HVAC units at the Main Library need to be replaced, and the cost will likely exceed \$370,000.

Mr. Artbauer reported that the front railing at Madison is loose and rusting. It will be replaced.

Collections and Gifts

Motion by Mrs. Hoy, seconded by Mr. Gipson, to accept and gratefully acknowledge gifts received:

Lakewood Public Library Gifts Received:

04/03/2026 - \$ 100.00 Madison Branch Free Thinkers AA

04/06/2026 - \$ 401.50 Madison Branch Westside Agnostics AA
04/08/2026 - \$ 120.00 Madison Branch Journey Home AA
04/20/2026 - \$ 275.00 Madison Branch Great Start AA

Lakewood Public Library Foundation Received:

04/23/2026 - \$ 50.00 Mary Osburn
04/23/2026 - \$ 10.00 Robert Holland

Lakewood Public Library Friends Gifts Received:

04/03/2026 - \$ 1,000.00 Kings Church

Yeas: Mrs. Seibert, Mr. Endress, Mr. Artbauer, Mrs. Hoy and Mr.
Gipson.

Abstained: None.

Nays: None.

The President declared the motion carried.

Personnel

Motion by Mrs. Seibert, seconded by Mr. Artbauer, to accept the
personnel report.

Appointments:

None.

Resignations/Retirements/Separations/Terminations:

04/06/2026 - Searls, David, Part-Time Paraprofessional, Public
Services

Yeas: Mrs. Seibert, Mr. Endress, Mr. Artbauer, Mrs. Hoy and Mr.
Gipson.

Abstained: None.

Nays: None.

The President declared the motion carried.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Audit Committee

Mr. Costello reported to the Board of Trustees that the Audit is in process.

Public Comments

Alyse Lamparyk attended the meeting and thanked the Board of Trustees for their service. She expressed her interest in the open Board of Trustee position.

OLD BUSINESS

The Board discussed the open position interview process and scheduling.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Hoy thanked the Library for inviting her to attend the OLC trustees dinner. She learned a lot and asked Mr. Crawford to take using digital bulletin boards into consideration within the Library. Mr. Crawford will discuss with managers.

Motion by Mr. Gipson, seconded by Mrs. Hoy, to Approve Resolution 26-01, Annual Budget Request

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
LAKEWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY
LAKEWOOD, OHIO

RESOLUTION 26-01

ANNUAL BUDGET REQUEST

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Lakewood Public Library, Lakewood, Ohio, on May 14, 2026, by roll call vote:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Lakewood Public Library desires to participate in the proceeds of classified property taxes collected in Cuyahoga County, and

WHEREAS, the proper resolution has been adopted extending the benefits of the library to all the habitants of Cuyahoga County,

THAT for the operation of the Lakewood Public Library and its branches during the fiscal year 2027 there will be needed the sum of Two Million Four Hundred Thousand and no/100 Dollars (2,400,000) for the operating expenses from the Public Library Fund, Two Million Five Hundred and Thirty Thousand and no/100 Dollars (2,530,000) from the General Property Tax.

THAT the officers of this Board be and they are hereby authorized to transmit a statement of this requirement to the Board of Education of the City of Lakewood, of Cuyahoga County, State of Ohio, and to request said Board of Education to transmit said requirements to the Budget Commission of Cuyahoga County, State of Ohio, pursuant to the requirements of law.

THAT the Fiscal Officer of this Board be and he is hereby authorized to transmit a full and complete copy of the Annual Budget of the Lakewood Public Library and its branches for the year commencing January 1, 2027, to the said Budget Commission of Cuyahoga County, State of Ohio, pursuant to the requirements of law.

ACKNOWLEDGED:

William R. Costello, Jr., CPA
Fiscal Officer
Lakewood Public Library

State of Ohio, Cuyahoga County

I, William R. Costello, Jr., CPA, Fiscal Officer of the Lakewood Public Library, and in whose custody the files, journals and records of said Board are required by the laws of the State of Ohio to be kept, do hereby certify that the foregoing is taken and copied from the original Resolution now on file, and that the same is a true and correct copy thereof.

William R. Costello, Jr., CPA
Fiscal Officer
Lakewood Public Library

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of May, 2026.

Notary Public

Notary Public, State of Ohio
Commission Has No Expiration

Roll Call of Said Motion:

Mr. Artbauer	<u> x </u> Yea	<u> </u> Nay	<u> </u> Abstain	<u> </u> Absent
Mr. Gipson	<u> x </u> Yea	<u> </u> Nay	<u> </u> Abstain	<u> </u> Absent
Mr. Kermode	<u> </u> Yea	<u> </u> Nay	<u> </u> Abstain	<u> x </u> Absent
Mrs. Hoy	<u> x </u> Yea	<u> </u> Nay	<u> </u> Abstain	<u> </u> Absent
Mrs. Seibert	<u> x </u> Yea	<u> </u> Nay	<u> </u> Abstain	<u> </u> Absent
Mr. Endress,	<u> x </u> Yea	<u> </u> Nay	<u> </u> Abstain	<u> </u> Absent

President

The President declared the motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

President

Secretary

Next Scheduled Meeting

Thursday, June 11, 2026

Main Library

7:00 P.M.

