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, September 10, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.

Members present: Mr. Jeffrey Endress, Mr. Scott Kermode, Mr. Michael Artbauer, Ms. Alyse Lamparyk, Mrs. April Hoy and Mr. Gregory Gipson.

Members excused: Mrs. Nancy Seibert.

Also present: Andrea Fisher, Manager of the Madison Branch, Suzanne Weber, Manager of Public Services, Jody Wilkerson, Manager of Administration, Mr. James Crawford, and Mr. William Costello, Jr., CPA.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Artbauer, seconded by Mr. Gipson, to approve the Agenda for September 10, 2026.

Yeas: Mr. Endress, Mr. Kermode, Mr. Artbauer, Mrs. Hoy, Ms. Lamparyk and Mr. Gipson.

Abstained: None.

Nays: None.

The President declared the motion carried.

OATH OF OFFICE

I, Alyse Lamparyk, do hereby solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Ohio, and that I will faithfully perform to the best of my ability the duties of Member of the Board of Library Trustees of the Lakewood Public Library, County and State aforesaid, and that I will observe all the laws relating to my office now in force, or hereafter to be enacted during my period of service.

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Alyse Lamparyk

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of September 2026.

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Jeffrey C. Endress
Attorney and Notary Public, State of Ohio
Commission Has No Expiration

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication dated April 26, 2026, from Theresa Fredericka, a Lakewood resident and former member of the State Library of Ohio Board, "extend[ing] sincere congratulations to [Lakewood Public Library] staff for [their] outstanding work in developing and executing such a beautiful and thoughtful campaign celebrating Japanese Americans. It was just tremendous."

Communication dated June 1, 2026, from Brad Mitchell, Publisher, Northeast Ohio Parent Magazine, congratulating the Lakewood Public Library for being named Best Library in the 2026 Parent Choice Awards.

Communication dated June 14, 2026, from Lucy Kulbago, Executive Director of Sew4Service, offering to conduct makerspace and creativity lab programming at the Library and at no cost. Sew4Service receives its funding from Cuyahoga Arts and Culture's cigarette tax revenue. "Sew4Service offers a variety of classes taught at our Sewing Studios as well as in libraries, community centers, and schools. Our talented teachers bring years of experience working with people of all ages and abilities. This wealth of experience ensures a high-quality learning experience for your patrons."

Communication dated July 8, 2026, from Mariana Cioboata, an employee who recently retired from the Library. "Lakewood Public Library was my home away from home for a very long time and I miss it with every fiber in my body. I miss my friends there, the atmosphere and the patrons, especially the kids. Lakewood Public Library means a lot for many, and it makes a difference in this community. It was an honor and a privilege for me to work here all these years[.]"

Communications dated July 28, 2026, from Maggie Niedzwiecki, Superintendent, Lakewood City Schools, reporting that the School Board appointed Alyse Lamparyk to the Library Board with a term

expiring September 12, 2031; and Gregory Gipson with a term expiring September 12, 2030.

Communication dated August 5, 2026, from Kathleen Upper, Development manager, LakewoodAlive, thanking the Library for sponsoring and hosting the 2026 Front Porch Concert Series. "Library staff were fantastic, as always, throughout the concert series. These large-scale free community events are vital to fulfilling our mission of fostering and sustaining vibrant and welcoming neighborhoods, and we couldn't do it without your partnership."

Communication, undated, from H2O staff thanking the Friends of the Library for donating books supporting the Read Across Lakewood program.

Communication, undated, from a young patron. "Thank you for letting me stay at the Library even though we may have been loud. Thank you so much again."

Certificates of Award from the American Library Association dated June 27, 2026; one for the Library receiving an award for *Besa: Muslims Who Saved Jews During the Holocaust*, and the other for the Library receiving an award for *Library Program Guide: Fall 2024/Winter 2025.*

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Gipson, seconded by Mr. Artbauer, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 18, 2026.

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

Abstained: Ms. Lamparyk.

Nays: None.

The President declared the motion carried.

OPERATIONS REPORT

No report.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND BILLS

No report.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Business Management and Finance

No report.

Building and Supplies

Mr. Artbauer notified the Board that the lighting replacement project at the Main Library is contingent on a grant from the Ohio Department of Development to cover the cost of this energy savings project.

Collections and Gifts

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

Lakewood Public Library Gifts Received:

06/10/2026 -	$ 20.00	Laura Porto
06/12/2026 -	$ 100.00	Madison Branch Free Thinkers AA
06/30/2026 -	$ 100.00	Main Library AA
07/09/2026 -	$ 450.00	Madison Branch Westside Agnostics AA
07/31/2026 -	$ 100.00	Madison Branch Free Thinkers AA
08/03/2026 -	$ 60.00	Main Library AA
08/04/2026 -	$ 120.00	Madison Branch Journey Home AA
08/12/2026 -	$ 100.00	Madison Branch Free Thinkers AA
08/25/2026 -	$310,168.87	Joan Alice Ford Trust

Lakewood Public Library Friends Gifts Received:

None.

Lakewood Public Library Foundation Gifts Received:

08/27/2026 - $100.00 James Crawford, In Memory of Joan Alice Ford

Yeas: Mr. Endress, Mr. Kermode, Mr. Artbauer, Ms. Lamparyk, Mrs. Hoy and Mr. Gipson.

Abstained: None.

Nays: None.

The President declared the motion carried.

Personnel

Motion by Mr. Kermode, seconded by Mr. Gipson, to accept the personnel report.

Appointments:

06/02/2026 – Mehlman, Amanda, Part-Time Paraprofessional, Children's and Youth Services
06/03/2026 – Rodriguez, Nicole, Part-Time Clerk, Public Services
06/03/2026 – Hoerr, Claudia, Part-Time Paraprofessional, Children's and Youth Services
06/04/2026 – Tumbleson, Madelyn, Part-Time Paraprofessional, Public Services
06/08/2026 – Fanale, Amanda, Part-Time Paraprofessional, Madison Branch
07/06/2026 – Marchese, Margaret, Part-Time Paraprofessional, Madison Branch

Resignations/Retirements/Separations/Terminations:

07/31/2026 – McNerney, PJ, Full-Time Assistant Supervisor, Public Services
07/31/2026 – Cioboata, Mariana, Full-Time Assistant Supervisor, Public Services
08/08/2026 – Fanale, Amanda, Part-Time Paraprofessional, Madison Branch
08/15/2026 – Hauck, Edward, Part-Time Paraprofessional, Madison Branch

Yeas: Mr. Endress, Mr. Kermode, Mr. Artbauer, Ms. Lamparyk, Mrs. Hoy and Mr. Gipson.

Abstained: None.

Nays: None.

The President declared the motion carried.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Audit Committee

Mr. Costello reported that the Library received a clean AUP audit from the State.

Public Comments

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board held a discussion regarding the Library's Survey results. Mr. Endress will create an Ad-Hoc Committee to investigate implementing some of the suggestions from the Survey.

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Motion by Mr. Endress, seconded by Mrs. Hoy, to Proceed in Executive Session Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(4)

Roll Call of Said Motion:

Mr. Artbauer	X Yea	___Nay	___Abstain	___Absent
Mr. Gipson	X Yea	___Nay	___Abstain	___Absent
Mr. Kermode	X Yea	___Nay	___Abstain	___Absent
Mrs. Hoy	X Yea	___Nay	___Abstain	___Absent
Ms. Lamparyk	X Yea	___Nay	___Abstain	___Absent
Mrs. Seibert	___Yea	___Nay	___Abstain	X Absent
Mr. Endress, President	X Yea	___Nay	___Abstain	___Absent

Time noted: 7:27 p.m.

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Motion by Mr. Artbauer, seconded by Mr. Gipson, to Return to Open Session

Roll Call of Said Motion:

Mr. Artbauer	X Yea	___Nay	___Abstain	___Absent
Mr. Gipson	X Yea	___Nay	___Abstain	___Absent
Mr. Kermode	X Yea	___Nay	___Abstain	___Absent
Mrs. Hoy	X Yea	___Nay	___Abstain	___Absent
Ms. Lamparyk	X Yea	___Nay	___Abstain	___Absent
Mrs. Seibert	___Yea	___Nay	___Abstain	X Absent
Mr. Endress, President	X Yea	___Nay	___Abstain	___Absent

Time noted: 7:54 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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President

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Secretary

Next Scheduled Meeting
Thursday, October 8, 2026, 7:00 p.m.
Madison Branch Library