

# Facilities Committee

April 7, 2025 | 1:30pm

## 1. Attendance

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| ✓ Carla Taylor, Chair (P)                  | ✓ Barry Ramage (D) (ex officio)          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leslie Gerber (U) | ✓ Rebekkah Smith Aldrich (Staff Liaison) |
| ✓ Jenny Post (C)                           | ✓ Chris Herron (Staff Liaison)           |
| ✓ Mark Williams (D)                        |  |

**2. Chair's Comments:** Chair Carla Taylor commented on the concerns about the impact of the dismantling of the federal Institute of Museum & Library Services (IMLS) on the State Aid for Library Construction program and other potential funding sources for our facility plans.

**3. Review of the Committee's Charge:** The committee recommends no changes to their charge at this time.

- a. *Committee Charge:* Provides oversight for the maintenance and management of MHLS facilities and grounds, including facility infrastructure, such as communication and I.T. systems. Meets at least twice a year, including an annual physical inspection and review of the MHLS facilities.

**4. Capital Plan Priorities for 2025:** The Committee reviewed the [approved facilities plan](#) and received updates on the selection of an engineering firm for the planned replacement of the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor HVAC unit and the work to seek quotes for the replacement of the office building boiler. MHLS is pursuing a Community Resiliency, Economic Sustainability, and Technology Program (CREST) grant with help from Assemblyman Jacobson's office to cover the costs of both of these projects as well as considering a State Aid for Library Construction Program application depending on where the boiler quote comes in.

## 5. Staff Updates:

- a. Solar Project:
- i. Applied for federal tax credit
  - ii. Snow guards are working as designed
- b. Central Hudson: Switching energy supplier to reduce costs
- c. Americans with Disability Act (ADA) Checklist Completed
- d. 10 staff renewed their CPR/AED training
- e. Passed annual inspection of fire systems and fire extinguishers performed
- f. Passed annual backcheck valve inspection completed
- g. Water Testing:
- i. Letter from the City of Poughkeepsie regarding lead pipes led to us testing the water in both buildings. Both sources came back at or below 4ppb (par per billion) which places us at a level that does not require any action.
  - ii. For your reference: Staff does not drink the water in the office building, we have water delivered.

h. New 2-year preventative maintenance contract for the HVAC system signed

6. **Other:** Central Hudson has notified MHLS that our property may be eligible to connect to a new community geothermal project planned on the former YMCA site. Participation in this project may result in Central Hudson underwriting the HVAC upgrades necessary to connect to this geothermal system. The Committee endorsed staff learning more about this opportunity and reporting back to the committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:07pm.