

MID-HUDSON LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, March 12, 2025 | 10:00am - 12:00pm | MHLS Auditorium

AGENDA

1. ROLL CALL AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

	Present	Absent/Excused	Absent/Unexcused
Stuart Auchincloss (U)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Peter Carey (P)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kevin Finnegan (P)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leslie Gerber (U)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kenneth Goldberg (U)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rajene Hardeman (D)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Charles Kutcher (G)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jill Leinung (C)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jenny Post (C)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Barry Ramage (D)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Janet Schnitzer (C)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thomas Silvious (G)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Barbara Swanson (G)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carla Taylor (P)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mark Williams (D)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT (10 minutes)
A. Board Committee Chairs Meeting

B. Ramage

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (1 minute)
A. [*Minutes of the January 2025 Meeting \(Doc. 3.A\)](#)

B. Ramage

4. TREASURER'S REPORTS (5 minutes)
A. [* December 2024 Budget Report \(Doc. 4.A\)](#)
B. [* January 2025 Budget Report \(Doc. 4.B\)](#)
C. Treasurer's Report

S. Auchincloss

5. REPORT OF PAYMENT OF BILLS (5 minutes)
A. *December 2024
B. *January 2025

R. Hardeman
P. Carey

- 6. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT (6)** (15 minutes)
 - A. [New York State Education Department – Office of Cultural Education FY2025- R. Aldrich 2026 Budget Request: Cultural Education Revenue Account Fee Increase \(Doc. 6.A\)](#)
 - B. [Hoopla Response \(Doc 6.B\)](#)
 - C. Staff
 - a. [MHLS Staff Reports \(Doc. 6.B.a\)](#)
 - b. [Correspondence Recognizing Staff \(Doc. 6.B.b\)](#)

- 7. **DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION LIAISON REPORT** (5 minutes) C. Benson
 - A. [Minutes of February Directors Association Meeting \(Doc. 7.A\)](#)

- 8. **BYLAWS, POLICY, & PROCEDURE COMMITTEE** (5 minutes) P. Carey
 - A. [Bylaws, Policy, and Procedure Meeting Notes \(Doc. 8.A\)](#)
 - B. [*Proposed Bylaw Amendment \(Doc. 8.B\)](#)
 - C. [*Proposed 2025 Rules and Procedures \(Doc. 8.C\)](#)

- 9. **BOARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** (5 minutes) B. Swanson
 - A. [Board Development Committee Meeting Notes \(Doc. 9.A\)](#)
 - B. [Sexual Harassment Prevention Training Instructions \(Doc. 9.B\)](#)

- 10. **INCENTIVES COMMITTEE** (5 minutes) C. Taylor
 - A. [Incentives Committee Meeting Notes \(Doc. 10.A\)](#)
 - B. State Aid for Library Construction Program
 - i. [*Board Priorities for Funding \(Doc. 10.B.i\)](#)
 - ii. [*Economically Disadvantaged Community Definition](#)
 - C. [*MHLS NYLA Annual Conference Attendance Grants](#)

- 11. **WORKING GROUP REPORTS** (5 minutes) J. Leinung
 - A. [Government & Community Relations Committee Report \(Doc. 9.A\)](#)
 - B. [*New Alumni Members](#)

- 12. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** (1 minute) B. Ramage
 - A. [Confirmed Locations for Off-Site Board Meetings.](#)

- 13. **NEW BUSINESS** (10 minutes) B. Ramage
 - A. [*System Annual Report Authentication \(Doc. 13.A\)](#)

- 14. **ORIENTATION** (10 minutes) R. Aldrich
 - A. Member Assessment Explanation
 - a. [Assessment Formula Variables \(14.A.a\)](#)

- 15. **PUBLIC COMMENT** (10 minutes) B. Ramage

- A. Board Members
- B. Visitors

16. ADJOURNMENT

Directly after the meeting, county representatives are encouraged to meet to discuss their approach for Board-to-Board visits.