



BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES January 5, 2026

In Attendance via Google Meet

Trustees: Holley Barreto, Robert Ginsberg, Mayor Mark Freda, Jeffrey Liao, Stephanie Oster, Keisha Smith-Carrington, Sebnem Tuzun, Chris Van Buren

Library Staff: Jennifer Podolsky, Karen Rackley

Other: Two members of the public

At 4:02 p.m. Mr. Van Buren called the meeting to order and announced that pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this special meeting was sent to the municipal clerk, Princeton Packet, Town Topics and Trenton Times on Dec. 30, 2025.. The notice was posted in the library, on the library's and municipality's websites and is on file in the library's Administration Office.

Election of 2026 BOT Officers: Mr. Van Buren noted the slate of officers presented for 2026 are: Chris Van Buren - President, Sebnem Tuzun - Vice President, Jeffrey Liao - Treasurer, Holley Barreto - Secretary. Mr. Ginsberg motioned to approve the slate of officers as presented; Ms. Tuzun seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: There was no public comment during the meeting or submitted via email prior to the meeting.

Resolution 2026-01: Temporary Operating Budget 2026: Mr. Ginsberg motioned to approve Resolution 2026-01; Mr. Liao seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Library Operating Hours: Mr. Ginsberg motioned to discuss changes to the library operating hours for 2026; Ms. Oster seconded the motion. There was discussion on the changes to the hours (one-hour daily reduction to the closing time) and the messaging to the public and library partners. Ms. Podolsky noted that a press release would be sent to the newspaper and a letter to the Mayor and Council detailing the changes to the operating hours and streaming services and fees that will be eliminated. Mr. Ginsberg asked how much the cuts were going to save the library. Ms. Podolsky noted that there was a \$300,000 deficit and with these changes, the deficit is now \$75,000. The board was concerned about the communications and after much discussion decided to table that discussion for a future meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: Mr. Ginsberg motioned to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Tuzun seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 p.m.