



## Board of Trustees

Board Chair, Will Valverde

Trustees: Dianne Izzo, Tom Sgouros, Stacey Weinstein, Michael Donohue, Pamela Rowland, Kathy Schnebly;

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## Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes Monday, March 3, 2025

**PRESENT WERE:** Will Valverde, Stacey Weinstein, Dianne Izzo, Pamela Rowland, Michael Donohue, Kathy Schnebly, Tom Sgouros, Megan Weeden (Library Director), Jennifer Boettger (Assistant Director); Jennifer Lima from TANK & NKHS students were also in attendance for public comment.

1. **Call To Order:** The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the North Kingstown Free Library was called to order by Board Chair Will Valverde at 7:00 p.m.
2. Pursuant to RIGL 42-46-6(c) Notice of this meeting has been posted on the Secretary of State's website.
3. The minutes of the February 10, 2025 minutes were approved on a motion made by Mike Donohue and seconded by Tom Sgouros.
4. Public Comment was moved ahead in the agenda to accommodate the students attending.  
Jennifer Lima, member of NK School Committee/TANK, as well as a number of NKHS students spoke on behalf of LGBTQ youth and adults in the community. They would like to see the library expand its current offerings to be more inclusive and also to consider partnering with them for events like the Pride Parade. Examples included having a Pride club at the library that would be a safe space for youth to meet and talk and connect with people in an inclusive way. They mentioned West Warwick and Westerly library both have pride clubs. Other suggestions including having an author event and inviting a queer/gay author to speak.
5. Budget & Finance report—Director Weeden presented the current YTD budget report.
6. Director's Report- Director Weeden presented a short director's report, including statistics.
7. Old Business
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  - a. Discussion/Vote: Proposed Library Standards Revisions statement  
A draft statement on behalf of the NKFL Board of Trustees regarding the proposed library standards revisions was discussed. The board VOTED unanimously on a motion made by Mike Donohue and seconded by Tom Sgouros to authorize Megan to make some changes and submit the statement to town council & Library Board of Rhode Island ahead of the Library Board of RI meeting on March 17.
  - b. Discussion/Vote: Strategic Plan proposal  
Megan presented a proposal from Stephanie Chase/Constructive Disruption to assist with library's long-range plan. This would be paid for by the Corporation, so no vote was taken. The board suggested Megan reach out to Stephanie and ask her if her timeline is flexible.
9. Public Comment: There was no public comment.
10. **Adjournment:** VOTED unanimously to adjourn at 8 p.m. (motion made by Mike Donohue, seconded by Will Valverde).

Respectfully submitted, Megan Weeden, Library Director