

EASTON AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY  
Meeting of the Board of Directors

Monday, March 9, 2026, 4:15pm

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Easton Area Public Library was held on Monday, March 9, 2026, in the Friends of the Library Room with Catherine Long presiding. Present: Peter Lake, Catherine Long, Ana Ramirez-Luhrs, Keene Jabbour, Betsy Walker and Director Jennifer Long. Abby van Horne Brett and Tim Reilly were absent.

**Interested Citizens:** None

**Consent Agenda:** Peter Lake moved to accept the minutes from the last meeting; Ana Ramirez-Luhrs seconded. By voice vote, all were in favor. Mr. Lake moved to table financial statements, consortium statements, and Treasurer's review until after Sheila Wolff, Business Manager, returns from medical leave; Ana Ramirez-Luhrs seconded. Jennifer Long and Catherine Long will determine if the April Board meeting needs to be moved to a later date to provide time for updating.

**Communications:** Jennifer Long announced that local restaurant SURV has designated EAPL as their March Curbside Charity. Patrons can call now to reserve and pay for their meal for pickup from March 23-25. EAPL will receive \$30.00 from each \$60.00 order.

Jennifer Long and Erin Morrow will attend a meeting at the Easton Area School District on March 16<sup>th</sup> to follow up on the issue of \$1.5 million withheld from EAPL's allocation which was discovered by a recent audit. They will also discuss other building issues. Discussion followed about the need for documentation and whether this amount will accrue interest. The date for our budget presentation has not been set yet, but it will be a millage request rather than a specific monetary figure.

**Reports on Executive Sessions:** None

**Committee Reports:** None

**Director's Report:** Jennifer Long reported on the issue of a candidate using the library's name as a meeting place. No one appeared on the advertised date, although it was noted that we cannot stop someone from assembling on the public sidewalk. Ms. Long reviewed EAPL's nonpartisan policy and may post closer to election time.

**Old Business:**

- a. Jennifer Long gave an update on the AC project. The library was closed March 2 for asbestos abatement, and the old unit was removed. The new unit is scheduled to arrive in April.
- b. Betsy Walker asked if we would be hosting ESD board members during Library Week. It was decided that this would be done after the AC installation closer to Summer Reading Program.

**New Business:**

- a. Peter Lake moved to increase subscription fees from \$75.00 to \$100.00 as of 7/1/26; Betsy Walker seconded. Subscription fees are for patrons of five municipalities without library service. By voice vote, all were in favor.
- b. Carnegie grant of \$10,000 has been received and can be used for the main building as EAPL sees fit.
- c. EASD/EAPL millage update- discussed in Communications
- d. EAPL Budget 2026-2027 - discussed in Communications
- e. Celebrating America 250- Bookmarks, tee shirts, and new library cards depicting the Easton Flag will be part of EAPL's celebration. Jennifer Long will attend the Mayor's Next Chapter breakfast on March 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss the ways our community will mark this occasion.

**Adjournment:** Peter Lake moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:15; Ana Ramirez-Luhrs seconded. By voice vote, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Walker, Board of Directors Secretary