

**ENGLEWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES**

September 15, 2025

Call to Order 7:30 pm

Roll Call

Trustees	Present	Absent
Nina Nanasi, President	X	
Debra Trachtenberg, Vice President	X (7:51)	
Devry Pazant, Treasurer	X	
Howard Haughton, Secretary	X	
Mark Schwartz	X	
Karen Maas	X(7:33)	
Flor Ramirez	X	
Stacey Rosenzweig	X	
Michele Bowman, School Superintendent's Alternate	X	

Minutes

Dr. Rosenzweig made a motion to approve the Minutes from the August Board of Trustee Meetings, seconded by Mr. Pazant. Abstentions: Mr. Haughton and Mr. Schwartz. Approved.

Personnel Actions

Mr. Haughton made a motion to approve the personnel actions, seconded by Mrs. Ramirez. Approved.

Reports

Treasurer's Report

Dr. Rosenzweig made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Reports and the bill list for June, seconded by Mrs. Ramirez. Approved.

Directors Report

Ms. Senedzuk shared; The unofficial end of summer is here as we wrap up our summer programming and reading contest, and so begins our back to school and fall programming. August concluded quickly, leaving our staff with great memories of our reading contest participants and wonderful programming on our front lawn and plaza.

Met with Jeffery from the JIF- per the city, for a library property inspection. The report will go to the city, but he did mention to make sure inner doors, such as in the stairwells, should remain closed for proper fire safety.

With the memorial date approaching, we had the 9/11 Memorial Circle weeded, landscaped, and new rocks added. It had not been done for a number of years and it was a much needed refresh. It's important to mention that Susan Okechukwu, tends to the memorial and places flags each September as a touching reminder.

The Library will be used as a polling location in the upcoming general election on November 4, 2025. I have spoken with our contractor to assure that the Mackay room will be in usable condition for the day of the election.

We were contacted by Jessica Fernandez of The Center for Alcohol and Drug Resources - A Division of Children's Aid and Family Services to see if we would be able to put a Busterbox; a narcan bin at the library. Unfortunately due to the size of the bin, about as big as our book drop, we do not have an adequate place to fit this in the Library nor a suitable place outside of the Library due to our unique building and landscaping. I put her in touch with Deborah Baldwin of Englewoods Health Department to see if they have space or can assist in finding an alternate location elsewhere in the city.

Upcoming; the library will be tabling at the Back to School event at Winton White Stadium and Flat Rock Brooks Fall Festival.

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds

Dr. Rosenzweig shared; Since our last meeting, Robert Hoffmann, the city manager, sent Kate a list of eight roofing companies to come and assess our roof. All of those willing have visited and I have shared the proposals with the city.

We are hoping next month that there will be more progress to share regarding the renovations.

Personnel

None.

School Report

Mrs. Bowman shared; Dr. LeRoy McCloud Elementary School is still in need of a media specialist. Please spread the word to try and cast a wide net to find a strong candidate for the position. Joe Armental, M. Ed., RAA, Principal Dr. Leroy McCloud Elementary School.

Our Curriculum and Instruction team worked diligently through August testing and interviewing potential students for our Gifted and Talented Program. The mission of the program is to inspire curiosity, foster creativity and challenge students to achieve their fullest potential through engaging, rigorous and personalized learning experiences.

Ivy follows the National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) standards and the New Jersey Department of Education's definition of giftedness outlined in NJ Administrative

Code 6A:8-3.1(a)(5), recognizing students who demonstrate or have the potential to demonstrate exceptional ability and who require modifications to their educational program to achieve in accordance with their capabilities.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Adjournment

At 8:00 pm, Mr. Pazant made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Ramirez. Approved.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 20, 2025, 7:30pm, Meeting Room 2 (Lower Level)