

AKRON-SUMMIT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
 BOARD OF TRUSTEES
 ORGANIZATIONAL BOARD MEETING
 JANUARY 29, 2026

President John Frola called the organizational meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Akron-Summit County Public Library to order at 4:30 p.m. in the Lolita K. Adair Board Room of the Main Library. The following members of the Board answered the roll call: Joseph Ferrise, John Frola, Angela Neeley, William Rich, Bernie Rochford, and Ray Weber. T.K. Griffith was absent. Present from Library staff were Michelle Alleman, Michelle Scarpitti, Mike Bianchi, Kaitlin Booth, Andrew Clarke, Andrea Cowgar, Mike Derr, Tonya Gardella, Pat Manning, Ryan McCoy, KT Mockensturm, Heather Otto, Andrew Rockey, Peter Schantz, Sara Schwendeman, Dana Setting, and Melissa Walker. Three guests were also in attendance.

Mr. Rich moved, seconded by Mr. Weber, to adopt the January 29, 2026 Organizational meeting agenda. The motion was adopted without dissent. 26-01
AGENDA

Mr. Rochford gave the report of the Ad Hoc Nominating Committee: AD HOC
NOMINATING
COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee came to order on Thursday, January 29, 2026, at 4:01 p.m. in the Lolita K. Adair Board Room of the Main Library to select the suggested slate of officers for 2026. In attendance were board members Mr. Frola, Ms. Neeley, Mr. Rochford, and Mr. Weber. Mr. Rochford announced he spoke with previous officers and confirmed Mr. Frola's consent to nomination as well as Mr. Ferrise's agreement to step aside from Vice President role due to work and other commitments. A slate was presented for John Frola, Jr. as President, William D. Rich as Vice-President and Bernie Rochford as Secretary. All members present adopted the slate without dissent, and this now comes as a recommendation to the Board.

The Committee's recommendation was adopted without dissent. 26-02
OFFICERS
ELECTED

The Committee meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Mr. Rich moved, seconded by Mr. Weber, that the Board elect Michelle Scarpitti as Fiscal Officer as required by the Ohio Revised Code. The motion was adopted without dissent. 26-03 FISCAL
OFFICER
ELECTED

Mr. Rich moved, seconded by Ms. Neeley, that the Board bond Michelle Scarpitti as Fiscal Officer. The motion was adopted without dissent. 26-04
FISCAL OFFICER
BONDED

Mr. Weber, Notary Public, administered the oath of office for Ms. Scarpitti. OATH OF OFFICE

Mr. Rich moved, seconded by Mr. Rochford, that the Board elect Andrea Cowgar as Deputy Fiscal Officer as required by the Ohio Revised Code. The motion was adopted without dissent. 26-05
DEPUTY FISCAL
OFFICER
ELECTED

Mr. Rich moved, seconded by Ms. Neeley, that the Board bond Andrea 26-06

Cowgar as Deputy Fiscal Officer. The motion was adopted without dissent.

DEPUTY FISCAL
OFFICER BONDED

Mr. Weber, Notary Public, administered the oath of offices for Ms. Cowgar.

OATH OF OFFICE

With no further business, Mr. Frola adjourned the meeting at 4:39 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

President

Secretary