

East Providence Public Library Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting: December 3 at 6:00 PM at Riverside Branch Library

ROLL CALL

Pat Armstrong - present

Betsy Ingraham - present

Chris LaRoux - present

Peg Marcotte (Chair) - present

Paul Silva - absent

Krystal Alves Amoroso - present

Nate Cahoon - present

Also attending:

- Meredith Bonds-Harmon, Library Director
- Pamela Schwieger, Assistant Director
- John Carney, Systems Librarian
- Attorney Tim Bliss

- Meeting called to order at 6:02pm
- Review and approval of November 2025 minutes - P. Armstrong motioned, C. LaRoux seconded, and minutes were approved.
- Guest: Attorney Tim Bliss. Discussion about the Trustee's authority as granted by RI General Laws and their difficulty in exercising this authority given that personnel and finance matters are approved through the municipality without trustee input.
- Director's Report - submitted and filed
 - Financial report
 - Personnel
 - Facilities
- Assistant Director's Report
 - No report
- Unfinished Business
 - OLIS Trustee Basics recording. This topic was tabled to January's meeting
- New Business
 - Title II ADA Digital Accessibility DOJ ruling, update by John Carney, Systems Librarian
 - John talked about the OLIS webinar to explain the guidelines
 - Timeline for compliance: April 2027
 - WCAG: Web Content Accessibility Guidelines
 - Our new website is in good shape regarding this.

- Our site requires staff to add descriptive text when adding graphics to the site.
- Our web developer, Evan, is a RI librarian who is going to meet with us to go over this, and make recommendations for future changes and additions to the website.
- Public Comment
 - No community members were present.
- Adjournment: P. Armstrong motioned to adjourn. B. Ingraham seconded. Adjournment at 7:19pm.

Upcoming Meetings

Monday, Jan 5 at **Riverside Branch Library**, 6pm

February 4 at Weaver Library, 6pm

March 4 at Weaver Library, 6pm

April 8 (**note: second Wednesday**) at Weaver Library, 6pm