

**Thomas Crane Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**

January 8, 2026

Main Library

Trustees Present

Chair Peter Tam, Vice Chair Liberty Schaaf, Secretary Roy Caley, Patrick Walsh, Julia Wu

Trustees Absent

Treasurer Arthur Foley – has resigned from Board

Staff Present

Executive Director Sara Slymon, Deputy Director Theresa Tangney, Technology Director, Taylor Devlin

Staff Absent

None

Call to Order

Peter presided and convened the meeting at 8:36 AM.

Approval of December 2025 Minutes

Peter made a motion to approve December 2025 Meeting Minutes, Patrick seconded, and all approved.

Executive Director's Report

Personnel

Carol Small has been made an official library employee, working as the library social worker. She has increased her hours from 19 to 30, expanding a highly demanded, and much needed service to the people of Quincy.

Long time employee Tami Swenson has been promoted to Assistant Coordinator of Circulation and Access Services. This position has been revisited, it used to be called Scheduling Supervisor, and was held by Gina DiPietro, who has retired.

Custodian Anthony Kubit has resigned. Abby Arsenault has moved from Adams Shore to North Quincy. Mandy Huang is leaving us to pursue an MLIS in another state.

Facilities & Technology

Exploratory work on Richardson Bldg roof has been completed.

Union Negotiations Continue

Programs & Services

North Quincy will have its grand opening for Friday hours on Friday, January 9th from 1-5. There will be light refreshments.

The Keep Quincy Warm initiative is in very high demand, but we have very low supply. If you, or anyone in your neighborhood is interested in donating, it would be greatly appreciated. We especially need sweatshirts, socks, hats, and gloves, as well as boots. This is intended for folks who are sleeping rough, and so we have no need of dressy items or any summer items.

Other

The OCLN Members Council met last month after the Trustees meeting. Vice President Diane Costagliola presented the Hingham situation to the group. There were no comments or questions. We have not heard back from the Hingham Board of Trustees.

At the end of February, Sara will be on a listening tour of the state in my capacity as President of the Massachusetts Library Association. The purpose is two-fold: to find out why membership in the organization is so low, and to develop a strategic plan. She will be working remotely this week.

Sara will be out on vacation from 1/12-1/16

Treasurer's Report

No report

Friends of the Library Report

Chinese speaking volunteer has started at Book Store
Ebay vendor has sold books for bookstore. One sale was at \$800.
They also partner with More than Words bookstore.

Old Business

Staff Appreciation Party 1/30 5:00 PM
Sara sent survey to staff for food, staff gifts, etc. Will order hoodies.

Trustee emails need to be activated in order for trustees to use them.

New Business

Open Forum Period

Adjournment

Peter adjourned the meeting at 9:05 AM.

Next Meeting 2/12 at Main Library