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## DURHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### Special Meeting Minutes

May 28, 2026

7:00 P.M.

**Attendees:** Anne Doyle, Lynn Johnson, Robert Booz, Maya Liss, Eric Infeld, Elizabeth Merliss, Anne Mueller, Sarah Robertson, Gwen Wirger.

- I. Communications - none
- II. Charter Discussion – Maya and Bob led a review of the history of communications from and to the Charter Review Commission, including attendance at meetings, and what has been published by the charter revision commission in the minutes about the library. Anne Doyle, Lynn, and Eric reviewed the outcome from the 6/14 meeting with First Selectman to discuss the language as we had seen to this point.

Board discussed what was in the published minutes and what questions we have. Board also discussed the potential implications of the language, both directly as well as based on state statutes about public libraries. Board reviewed what is available on Commission website about upcoming public hearing.

After this, Board discussed next steps - the feeling of the Board was that the Board needed to make sure that the public is aware of what the Commission is proposing, and what impact the Board sees based on the published language. Once complete the Board agreed that the letter will be signed by all Board members and would be available in the library. Board members will also make court did the letter to share with members of the community that are interested in the library. In addition, the Board feels it needs to communicate directly to the commission in writing, expressing our questions, concerns, and State Statutes. As part of this, Maya will reach out to the CT State Library and the Association of CT Library Boards for further counsel.

Board members will also look at what questions we each want answered and will begin to write testimony taking those questions into account, for presentation by Board members at the upcoming public hearing. Board members will also plan to talk to members of the community about attending the public hearing and sharing their points of view.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30  
Respectfully submitted,

Eric J Infeld  
Secretary