

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING
BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY (STORY HOUR ROOM)
Monday April 1, 2025

PRESENT: Laura DiBetta
Mark Kissinger
Sarah Patterson
Lisa Scoons
Michelle Walsh
Sharon Whiting, library treasurer

Geoffrey Kirkpatrick, director

EXCUSED: Caroline Brancatella
Gail Sacco

GUESTS: Phil Berardi, assistant director/head of Circulation and Technical Services
Chris McGinty, assistant director of Public Services
Robert McDonnell

President M. Kissinger called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

DISCUSS LIBRARY BUILDING NEEDS

The board discussed putting projects into different tiers in order to prioritize projects and whether it was better to handle projects one at a time or as part of a larger project.

Four projects were identified as either being higher priority to commence or needing further discussion. These are:

Highest priority

1. Hallway asbestos remediation. Likely to include remediation of roof drains but not the remediation of the high monitor ceiling.
2. Parking lot milling and repaving.

High priority but needs further discussion with the full board due to other aspects/complexities.

1. Carpet
2. House

Also under further discussion was the awning/covering for curbside. Continued discussion about keeping curbside service at all.

P. Berardi, C. McGinty and G. Kirkpatrick will discuss time, days and seasonal changes for curbside to increase safety for staff given light demand and non-time-critical nature of pickups. Staff have already been empowered to shut down curbside for weather (snow, ice, lightning, heavy rain, etc.)

ADJOURNMENT

The board adjourned the meeting at 8:05pm.

Prepared by
Kristen Roberts, recording secretary

Cosigned by
M. Kissinger, board president