

## Minutes of the Wead Library Board Meeting March 31, 2025

Present: Jeanne LeClerc, Treasurer  
Anne Werley Smallman, Secretary  
Lucille Poirier, board member  
Mary McDonald, Principal Library Clerk  
Chelsie Russo, Librarian II  
Nicole Andre, Senior Library Clerk  
Excused: Melissa Benardot, President  
Chris Eggsware, Vice President

Call to order: 3:31 pm by Anne Werley Smallman, Secretary.

Motion by Anne Werley Smallman/second by Lucille Poirier to excuse Melissa Benardot and Chris Eggsware from attendance at the meeting for work and personal commitments, respectively.

Entered Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel on motion by Lucille Poirier, second by Jeanne LeClerc at 3:32pm. Unanimously approved.

The board exited Executive Session at 4:07 pm on motion by Anne Werley Smallman/second by Lucille Poirier. Unanimously approved.

### **Old Business: Budget:**

- Mary McDonald presented the 2025-26 draft budget: contracts with full-time staff have yet to be negotiated for the next fiscal year, so salaries of full- and part-time staff are estimated. The proposed budget is \$847,750, which includes a taxpayer appropriation of \$672,850 (a 6.85% increase over last year). Mary responded to clarifying questions by Board Members. A double-sided budget informational (budget and statistics infographic) will be mailed with absentee ballots.

Motion to approve the 2025-26 budget as prepared by Mary McDonald (in consultation with other staff members) by Jeanne LeClerc/second by Lucille Poirier. Unanimously approved.

Motion by Lucille Poirier to adjourn/ second by Jeanne LeClerc. Meeting adjourned at 4:59 pm

The next regularly scheduled board meeting and Budget Informational Meeting will be April 28, 2025 at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Werley Smallman  
Board of Trustees