

BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

July 14, 2026

A meeting of the Board of Library Trustees was held on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 8:07 am by Board President Ms. Ganguly. Other Board members present were Ms. Cheikh, Ms. Cruz, Mr. Netzer, Ms. Walsh David, and Ms. West. Dr. Lin Chen was absent, and Ms. Walsh David joined the meeting at 8:14.

Staff in attendance: Erin Baker, Chief Public Services Officer, and Jen Evans, Executive Assistant.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Ganguly called for questions regarding the Hearing Procedures Pursuant to MD. Code Ann., Educ., § 23-406(e) that were distributed to the Board prior to the meeting.

Mr. Netzer questioned their necessity and suggested that a Board Committee could be created to hear appeals. Ms. Walsh David shared that hearing is a quasi-judicial task of the Board and that the procedures were developed after consultation with the State Librarian and BCPL's legal counsel.

Mr. Netzer asked if the decision could be shared later. Ms. Evans clarified that, for prior hearings, the Board had returned and disclosed their decision. Ms. Ganguly also shared that the Board needed to disclose whether the vote was unanimous. The Board will share their decision in an open session after deliberation. On July 21, the Board will hear from both parties, deliberate in private, and make a statement about their decision. The time limit has been set for one hour.

Ms. Ganguly advocated for adopting the discussed procedures and amending them as necessary in the future. At that point Ms. Ganguly called for a motion to approve the hearing procedures **(West/Walsh David)**. The Board unanimously approved the adoption of the Hearing Procedures Pursuant to MD. Code Ann., Educ., § 23-406(e).

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Ganguly called for a motion to adjourn and the meeting adjourned at 8:28 am **(Cheikh/West)**.

Submitted by

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Secretary to the Board of Library Trustees