Library Board of Trustees' Strategic Planning Subcommittee

Town of Simsbury, CT
Regular Meeting
August 26, 2026 – 2:00 P.M.
Simsbury Public Library – Weatogue Room
725 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, CT 06070

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER – Madam Chair McGrath called the meeting to order at 2:01 P.M.

Library Board of Trustees Members
Present: Holly McGrath, Chair; Don Heymann, Co-Chair; and Anne Erickson.
Absent: Mary Glassman, Secretary.

Simsbury Public Library Staff
Present: Lisa Miceli, Library Director; Chris Carney, Head of Adult Services
Absent: Stephanie Prato, Deputy Library Director/Head of Children's Services.

Other Attendees
Present: President of the Friends of the Library, Greg Golinski, Davina Fogel, Jennifer Kirkland, Karen Cantelmo, Dan Sommer, Board of Selectmen Member, Diana Yeisley.
Absent: Jamie Sepa, Shawn McLaughlin, Kathleen Miklus.

II. ESTABLISH QUORUM OF TRUSTEES

Quorum of Trustees was established.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JULY 22, 2026 MEETING

July 22, 2026—Special Meeting

MOTION: Ms. Erickson made a motion, seconded by Co-Chair Heymann, to approve the Minutes of the July 22, 2026, Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC AUDIENCE

No Public Audience.

V. DISCUSS STRATEGIC PLAN 2027-2031 GOALS

The committee reviewed the revised strategic plan goals and supporting objectives. The revisions incorporated feedback from the previous meeting and were intended to simplify the language, consolidate overlapping concepts, and reflect community survey feedback. The committee discussed and agreed that minor wording changes would make the objectives clearer and less repetitive.

VI. COMMITTEE QUESTIONS, CONCERNS, NEXT STEPS

The committee discussed next steps:

- Compile statistics and data points demonstrating the library's value to the community and measuring progress.
- Incorporate a "Welcome to Simsbury" section and a letter from the Chair.
- Continue development of the introductory and background sections, including community and library data, the vision and mission, and supporting information from the community survey.
- Prepare and circulate another draft of the strategic plan for review.
- Begin collecting photographs and other images for the visual layout of the final document.
- Staff and committee members will share relevant photographs from library programs and community activities.
- Continue reviewing and refining the goals and supporting objectives at the next meeting.

Next meeting: September 23, 2026.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ms. Erickson made a motion, seconded by Co-Chair Heymann, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

Madam Chair McGrath adjourned the meeting at 3:02 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cameron DiSanto
Administrative Secretary