

The Public Library of New London Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2026

Present: Madhu Gupta, Daneen Roth. Zoom: Habibah Abdul-Hakeem, Nick Fischer, Scott Garbini, Nicole Thomas

President Daneen Roth called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Nick Fischer moved to approve the minutes of the April and June Board meetings. Scott Garbini seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

In her regular report to the Board, Executive Director Madhu Gupta highlighted the Library events of the past summer, noting the success of the summer reading programs and the CT State Library ARPA funds (through Laptop ConneCT program) which will allow the Library to lend 55 new laptops to qualifying patrons. To provide training for the patrons who receive the laptops, the Library will hire 2 additional temporary part-time Digital Navigators.

The contract for the CBDG grant for replacing the glass in broken windows has not been signed so far. Executive Director Gupta discussed having the Library portico power washed. The situation with Otis regrading repairs to LULA elevator remains unchanged and unresolved.

Executive Director Gupta asked that the Library be closed early on November 25 and December 31 in anticipation of the Thanksgiving and New Year's holidays. Nick Fischer moved to approve the request. Nicole Thomas seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There will be a new template for the Library newsletter.

Negotiations with Frontier have resulted in a \$200 discount per month.

The Secretary of State will be at the Library September 3 at 1:30 to discuss election changes with the public.

Nick Fischer moved to adjourn. Habibah Abdul-Hakeem seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m

Respectfully submitted,
Daneen Roth, Acting Secretary