



**DFL Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2026**

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Present: Marc Bernstein, Chair; Rita Friedman, Treasurer; Richard Sachs, Co-Secretary; Melissa Britton, Trustee, Pat Beasley, Alternate Trustee; Dawn Huston, Library Director

Public Attendees: Linda Martin, FoDFL representative; Deb Sweeney, candidate for DFL Board of Trustees

1. Opening:

- a. Call to order. Meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm.
- b. Minutes.
 - i. Minutes of the January 29, 2026 meeting with the changes were approved by a unanimous vote (Rita Friedman motion; Richard Sachs second).
 - ii. Minutes of the Feb. 4, 2026 Public Hearing were approved by a unanimous vote (Marc Bernstein motion; Melissa Britton second).
- c. Treasurer's Report. Rita Friedman reported that she has added the CD account to the report. In less than a month it has already accrued \$120.35 in interest. Richard Sachs moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Melissa Britton seconded. The vote to approve the Treasurer's Report was unanimous.
- d. Librarian's Report. Library Director Dawn Huston reported that Megan Pindell has resigned. She also asked if Itemized Categories of checks in the librarian's report should be altered to appear in order of dates rather than areas of expense; she stated that she would provide both formats for next meeting to allow board to weigh in on which to use. Mike Bodeur has completed installing all replacement stations and is switching almost all to LibreOffice. She asked the board to approve the expense.

2. As per the Librarian's Report, Marc Bernstein moved that the Board approve to withdraw the sum of \$4829.02 from the Library Technology and Office Equipment ETF #593 as reimbursement for purchases and tech support costs of maintaining and upgrading the library technology, particularly regarding the migration from Windows 10 to Windows 11. Richard Sachs seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Rita Friedman received a call and left the meeting. She did not vote on any subsequent items.

Approval of documents:

- a. DFL Library Policies: Marc Bernstein gave a brief review of the reasons to update former guiding documents of DFL, including those listed below. He gave everyone a chance to re-read the DFL Library Policies before the vote, welcoming any questions or comments.

After some discussion of policies which cover age-related issues for children with various degrees of parental, non-parental, or sibling guardianship while visiting the library, Marc called for a vote. Melissa Britton moved to approve. Marc Bernstein seconded. The vote to approve DFL Library Policies was unanimous.

- b. DFL Bylaws: Citing one change since last meeting, Marc Bernstein gave everyone a chance to re-read the DFL Bylaws before the vote, welcoming any questions or comments. With neither, Richard Sachs moved to approve. Marc Bernstein seconded. The vote to approve the DFL Bylaws was unanimous.
- c. Financial Control Policies (updated): Marc Bernstein gave everyone a chance to re-read Financial Control Policies before the vote, welcoming any questions or comments. With neither, Melissa Britton moved to approve. Pat Beasley seconded. The vote to approve the Financial Control Policies was unanimous.
- d. Personnel Handbook Supplement for Full-Time Employees (updated): Marc Bernstein gave everyone a chance to re-read the Personnel Handbook Supplement for Full-Time Employees, welcoming any questions or comments. After answering one question, Marc Bernstein called for a vote. Melissa Britton moved to approve with the stipulation to add the change made since Feb. 4, 2026 meeting. Richard Sachs seconded. The vote to approve the Personnel Handbook Supplement for Full-Time Employees was unanimous.

3. Standard Closing

- a. FoDFL Comment. Friends representative Linda Martin shared information about the FoDFL annual celebration at Grantham Town Hall. The date has been set for the evening of June 15, 2026. The speaker will be Mel Allen, retired former editor of Yankee magazine.
- b. Public Comments. None
- c. Non-Public Session. None
- d. Adjournment. Melissa Britton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Richard Sachs seconded the motion. The vote to adjourn was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Beasley, Alternate Trustee