

**South Country Library**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**November 20, 2025**  
**MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER

G. Marschall called the meeting to order at 6:58 PM.

Present: G. Marschall, C. Walsh, M. Falkowitz, N. Marr, J. Neal, R. Crawford, A. Wilkins Robinson

Administration- K. Sembler, P. O'Leary

12 staff members in the audience

No members of the public in attendance

II. Remarks from the Audience

III. Executive

Motion to enter into executive session at 7: 02 to discuss a personnel issue. (M. Falkowitz, J. Neal, Unanimous)

Motion to exit executive session at 7:18. (R. Crawford, J. Neal, Unanimous)

IV. Approval of the Minutes of the October 16, 2025 Monthly Board Meeting.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the October 16, 2025 meeting. (M. Falkowitz, A. Robinson, Unanimous)

V. Report of the Treasurer

A. Balance Sheets

1. General Fund \$2,326,312.19

2. Capital Fund \$2,739,942.93

3. Endowment Fund \$39,230.11

B. Operating Warrants

G. Marschall stated that the treasurer's report be placed on file for audit.

VI. Report of the Administrators

Budget vote and Trustee election, cost of health insurance, outreach, and increased warranty on the partition wall were among the items discussed.

Motion to approve the Report of the Administrators. (J. Neal, M. Falkowitz, Unanimous)

#### VII. Report of the Committees:

A. Budget & Finance- no report.

B. Buildings & Grounds- no report.

C. Personnel- no report.

#### VIII. Old Business

##### A. Tax Cap Resolution

Motion made by J. Neal, and seconded by M. Falkowitz

Whereas, the adoption of the 2026-2027 budget for the South Country Library may require a tax levy increase that exceeds the tax cap imposed by state law as outlined in General Municipal Law Section 3-c adopted in 2011; and

Whereas, General Municipal Law Section 3-c expressly permits the Library board to override the tax levy limit by a resolution approved by a vote of sixty percent of qualified board members; now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the South Country Library voted and approved to exceed the tax levy for 2026-2027 by at least sixty percent of the Board of Trustees as required by state law on November 20, 2025.

The motion passed unanimously.

#### IX. New Business

##### B. SCLS Budget 2026

Motion to approve Suffolk Cooperative Library System's 2026 operating budget. (N. Marr, C. Walsh, Unanimous)

#### X. Other-

#### XI. Remarks from the Audience

#### XII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 pm. (C. Walsh, A. Robinson, Unanimous)