

**Minutes of the May 12, 2025
Montclair Public Library Special Session
Board of Trustees Meeting**

The 2201st meeting of the Montclair Public Library Board of Trustees was held on Monday, May 12, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. in accordance with New Jersey Law.

The meeting was called to order by President JoAnn McCullough at 11:00 a.m.

Open Meetings Act:

President JoAnn McCullough announced that the meeting was in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. Notice of this meeting was posted on the Library website, in the Library, at the Municipal Building and advertised in the Star Ledger. Notice of the change of venue to a virtual meeting was posted on the Library website.

Roll Call:

Board Members Present: JoAnn McCullough, Presiding, Theodore Graham, Andrew Silver, Brian Clarkson, Geoffrey Borshof and Tamar Campbell

Board Members Absent: Lilian Ferguson, Diana Lunin and Erika Pierce

Library Staff Present: Director Radwa Ali, Recording Secretary Linda Welch

New Business

In 1979 the then board and director registered "The Free Public Library of the Municipality of Montclair" with the state of NJ as a nonprofit corporation. That entity is still in existence and is in good standing despite no reports being filed since 1987. We are going to need to use this entity to apply for CAFE because it'll be the easiest route to obtaining a NJ Tax ID (another requirement) and the tax clearance certificate (another requirement) however its name must be changed to correspond with the entity name formed with the County in 1893, The Trustees of the Free Public Library of the Township of Montclair. That is going to be the official applicant applying for CAFE, the only name that is statutorily linked to all the library laws we are citing.

JoAnn McCullough moved to vote to formally change the name of the registered incorporated non-profit from The Free Public Library of the Municipality of Montclair to The Trustees of the Free Public Library of the Township of Montclair. Theodore Graham seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment:

At 11:15 a.m. JoAnn McCullough moved to adjourn the Board of Trustees meeting and Theodore Graham seconded. The motion was carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.