Minutes

EAST HADDAM LIBRARY SYSTEM – Governance Committee

August 10, 2026 – 9:00 am

EHFPL Library

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:07am

2. The June 08th Meeting Minutes were approved without objection.

3. Unfinished Business

a) We will work on the orientation process in the coming months.

b) Evelyn provided an update on the new Library Exploratory Committee's progress.

c) As of our meeting, only 4 of 9 Board members had completed the survey for the Director's Review. Next year, we intend to move the survey to the end of April to see if different timing improves the response rate.

d) The Board Self Evaluation also had low results, and we will also move this survey to April next year.

e) Evelyn will send out the updated Public Relations and Media Policy, so people have a chance to review it before Thursday's meeting.

4. New Business

a) Donation Policy – The current policy is under discussion and review with the town finance director and the First Selectman. Updates will be reviewed by the Governance committee and presented to the entire Board for a vote.

b) Laptop program - The State of Connecticut has a new program providing several laptops to the town to loan out and for patron use in the library. We have not yet received the computers and there are still a number of open questions that need to be answered by the State. The library will also need to figure out staff training and develop policy regarding things such as lending time and restrictions.

c) Staff evaluations will be completed by end of year.

5. There was no Audience of Citizens.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 9:54am.