

Library Commission Meeting

Tuesday, March 17, 2026 via Zoom

Call to Order by Chairman Chebra @ 9:05 am and Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum by Director Das

In attendance: Library Commissioners: Jonathan Chebra, Stephanie Lagos and Lisa Petriello. Library Director Ranjna Das, Chief Librarian Christina Nemphos, Chief Librarian Rachael LaVoie-Dohn, Chief Librarian Givane Hayes, Burlington Public Information Officer David Levinsky, Attorney Kelly Grant, County Commissioner Tom Pullion and Colleen Howard (notes).

Public Announcement: Attorney Kelly Grant read the public announcement in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act.

Commission Business

Chairman Chebra called for a motion to approve the February 17, 2026 Meeting Minutes.
Motion to approve made by Commissioner Petriello and was seconded by Commissioner Lagos
Approvals by Chebra, Lagos and Petriello.
Motion passed.

Chairman Chebra called for a motion to approve the Financial Reports (02/01-02/28).
Motion to approve made by Commissioner Lagos and was seconded by Commissioner Petriello
Approvals by Chebra, Lagos and Petriello.
Motion passed.

Commissioner Petriello asked about the PSE&G costs, if there was any analysis done as costs rise.
Director Das explained that we budget more each year with the expectation of increased costs.

Chairman Chebra called for a motion to approve Resolution # 2026-15
Resolution 2026-15 Authorization to Accept Donation (PEM Friends)
Motion to approve made by Commissioner Petriello, and was seconded by Commissioner Lagos.
Approvals by Chebra, Lagos and Petriello.
Motion passed.

Director Das explained that funds are to be used for museum passes, supplies and programming.

Chairman Chebra called for a motion to approve Resolution # 2026-16
Resolution 2026-16 Authorization to Accept Donation (BCL Friends)
Motion to approve made by Commissioner Lagos, and was seconded by Commissioner Petriello.
Approvals by Chebra, Lagos and Petriello.
Motion passed.

Director Das explained that this donation will cover as many as 20 different performers and events for the summer programming.

Chairman Chebra called for a motion to approve Resolution # 2026-17
Resolution 2026-17 Authorization to Accept Donation (BLA Friends)
Motion to approve made by Commissioner Petriello, and was seconded by Commissioner Lagos.
Approvals by Chebra, Lagos and Petriello.
Motion passed.

Director Das explained that this donation will purchase a mix of museum passes for 2026.

Director's Report & New Business

Director Das described and summarized the NJLA/NJASL Conference which was held as a joint event. Our staff presented in the poster session. She highlighted Rosy Wagner who received the NJLA President's Award.

Director Das spoke on the Library Speakers Consortium, which is virtual, allowing us to bring in authors we would not otherwise be able to afford. There was a great turn out for the first event which we only had a week to promote.

Director Das highlighted the Pemberton Library Open House which was attended by library leadership, elected officials, the Friends of the Pemberton Library, BCLS Foundation and our grant partners. The redesign of the library was showcased - the new technology rooms, new children's learning center and new technology.

Director Das stated that the Cinnaminson Library remodel is next and that she met with the township and builders. The three areas of concentration are the new technology lab, teen space and accessible bathroom.

Commissioner Petriello asked about the cost of the Library Speakers Consortium. Chairman Chebra asked if multiple branches can show the author at the same time.

Director Das stated that the cost to libraries is based on population served and the author talks can be viewed via Zoom.

Chairman Chebra congratulated Director Das on the great work at Pemberton and thanked the officials for their support of the Pemberton redesign. Commissioner Lagos seconded the Chairman's remarks.

Commissioner Petriello and Chairman Chebra congratulated Rosy Wagner on her award.

Public Comment

At 9:27am Chairman Chebra opened the meeting to the public.

No public comment

At 9:28am public comments were closed.

At 9:29am Chair Chebra called for a motion to adjourn.

The motion was made by Commissioner Lagos, seconded by Commissioner Petriello.

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned @ 9:29am

Respectfully Submitted,

Colleen Howard