

**Nyack Library**  
**Minutes of the Regular**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 17, 2026**

**Present:**

Tracy Dressner, **President**  
Jeremiah Conway, **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**  
Conrad Lochner, **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**  
Brian Murrell, **Treasurer**  
Daniel Wolff, **Secretary**  
Holly Kashin Brown  
Steve Cea  
Leslie Kirsch  
Moriah Olsen  
Kara Sheridan  
Melissa Sullivan

**Absent:**

**\*excused**

**Staff:**

Tracy Dunstan, Library Director  
Molly Camera, Head of Adult Services & Assistant Director  
Esther Schwartz, Business Manager  
Minerva Parker, Board Clerk

***Call to Order:***

The Board President Ms. Dressner called the Regular Monthly Meeting of February 17, 2026, to order at 7:10 p.m., in the Community Meeting Room.

***Agenda Approval:***

**Upon motion** by Mr. Cea, seconded by Mr. Wolff, it was resolved to approve the Agenda. There were 11 yes votes.

***Special Presentation:***

Mr. Cea acknowledged the service of Diane Christian, in her absence, who served on the Board for more than three years. Ms. Christian served as the Chair of the Nominating Committee during those three years and served on other committees. On behalf of a grateful community Mr. Cea thanked Ms. Christian for her service and presented her with a Bill Batson print.

***Review of the Minutes:***

**Upon motion** by Ms. Kirsch, seconded by Mr. Conway, the Board unanimously approved the Regular Minutes of January 20, 2026. There were 10 yes votes, 1 abstention.

***Director's Report:***

Ms. Dunstan submitted her written report to the Board. Ms. Dunstan added that a group of staff took a day and collaborated on completing the NYS Annual Report for 2025.

**Upon motion** by Mr. Cea, seconded by Mr. Wolff, the Board unanimously accepted the Director's Report. There were 11 yes votes.

***Public Comments: (full Board Meeting comments may be heard here <https://soundcloud.com>)***

None.

***Committee Reports:***

***Executive Committee:***

Mr. Cea reported the Committee met and reviewed parking revenue. There was a problem with communication between the Village of Nyack and Library Administration about unpaid parking revenue. Mr. Wolff reached out to the Village Administrator and discussed the parking revenue issues.

***Development & Public Relations Committee:***

**Upon motion** by Ms. Olsen, to accept and gratefully acknowledge the Gifts & Grants Report for January 2026, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, the Board resolved to accept with appreciation \$8,702.50 in gifts/grants. The total Donations and Grants for 2025-2026 (through January 31, 2026), \$100,260.50. Thank you to those who generously donated. There were 11 yes votes.

***Nominating Committee:***

Ms. Dressner reported a meeting took place with Holly Kashin Brown the one candidate running for a seat on the Board of Trustees. Ms. Dressner thanked all the workers for a successful Budget & Trustee Vote.

***Policy Development & Long-Range Planning Committee:***

Mr. Conway reported the Committee is currently working on the Anti-Discrimination, Anti-Harassment and Whistleblowers Policies for next month's meeting.

***Long Range Planning Committee:***

Ms. Sullivan reported the Committee did not meet. RCLS will present a training session during the April 4, 2026, Board Retreat.

***Personnel Committee:***

No report.

***Building & Property Committee:***

**Upon motion** by Mr. Wolff, seconded by Mr. Conway, the Board unanimously approved the addition of an HP LaserJet Pro MFP and a HP LaserJet Pro 2001DW. There were 11 yes votes.

***Audit Committee:***

Ms. Kirsch reminded the Board to read the Conflict of Interest Policy and sign the statement and return it to the Board Clerk before the next Board Meeting in March.

**Upon motion** by Ms. Kirsch, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, the Board unanimously approved the Audited Financial Reports as prepared by Baldessari & Coster, LLP, for the period ending June 30, 2025. There were 11 yes votes.

**Upon motion** by Ms. Kirsch, seconded by Mr. Cea, the Board unanimously accepted the parking revenue from the Village of Nyack for the 2024-25 fiscal year in the amount of \$14,734.35, and be it further resolved, that the Board accepts the amount of \$15,000 for fiscal year 2023-24 in settlement of the contractual amount for parking revenue in that year.

*DePew House Ad-Hoc Committee:*

Mr. Conway reported the Committee did not meet. Mr. Murrell reported they are very close to submitting the application for tax relief, as it pertains to the DePew House.

*Friends of the Nyack Library Liaison Committee:*

Ms. Olsen reported the expanded Nook is coming together. The Friends plan to offer Library Tours starting Library Week. Book donations collection April 1 – 30, Book Sale May 30-31.

*Finance Committee:*

Mr. Murrell reported the Committee met. They discussed the financials.

***Financial Reports:***

*Treasurer's Report:*

Mr. Murrell reported on January 31 the available cash in the checking accounts, \$1.0 million; \$2.9 million invested in certificates of deposit, with interest rates from 3.2% to 3.5%. Current bond status, \$5,885,789 in long term debt on the 2017 tax-exempt bond with TD Bank.

Operations & Budget Performance current fiscal year to date the Library and DePew House operated at a \$204,005.59 surplus overall.

**Upon motion** by Mr. Murrell, seconded by Mr. Cea, the Library Board unanimously accepted the Financial Statements as presented including the Summary of Key Balance Sheet Amounts as of January 31, 2026 and the January 2026 Performance Report. There were 11 yes votes.

**Upon motion** by Mr. Murrell and seconded by Mr. Conway, it was resolved that the Nyack Library Board of Trustees approve the following disbursements reported for January 2026 which have been reviewed by the President and/or the Vice President, Secretary and the Treasurer; General Fund Expenses of \$115,209.76, Debt Fund Expenses for \$36,495.33, Payroll Disbursement for pay date January 9, 2026 for \$63,234.20 and Payroll Disbursement for pay date January 23, 2026 for \$64,975.36 for a total of \$279,914.65. There were 11 yes votes.

***Old Business:***

Mr. Wolff reported the DePew House water bill is back down, the spike in charges has been resolved.

***New Business:***

Mr. Wolff, Ms. Dunstan and Terri Evans, have been reviewing local artists whose work can be on the library cards. Mr. Wolff would like to give an honorarium to the artist whose work is put on a card.

Ms. Dressner announced the need for an ad-hoc Parking Lot Committee to review the parking lot plan and work with the Village of Nyack Parking Authority to resolve any issues and research options.

***Adjournment:***

**Upon motion** by Mr. Wolff, seconded by Mr. Conway, the Board agreed to adjourn at 7:50 pm. There were 11 yes votes.

Respectfully submitted,

*Minerva Parker*

Board Clerk

APPROVED