

Nyack Library
Minutes of the Regular
Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, January 20, 2026

Present:

Steven Cea, **President**
Tracy Dressner, **1st Vice President**
Jeremiah Conway, **2nd Vice President**
Brian Murrell, **Treasurer**
Daniel Wolff, **Secretary**
Diane Christian
Leslie Kirsch
Conrad Lochner
Moriah Olsen-phoned into mtg.
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 Mr. Cea called the Regular Monthly Meeting of January 20, 2026, to order at 7:01 p.m., in the Community Meeting Room.

Agenda Approval:

Upon motion by Ms. Dressner, seconded by Ms. Christian, it was resolved to approve the Agenda. There were 10 yes votes.

Review of the Minutes:

Upon motion by Ms. Dressner, seconded by Ms. Kirsch, the Board approved the Regular Minutes of December 15, 2025. There were 10 yes votes.

Upon motion by Ms. Dressner, seconded by Mr. Conway, the Board approved the Executive Session Minutes of December 15, 2025. There were 10 yes votes.

Director's Report:

Ms. Dunstan submitted her written report to the Board. Ms. Dunstan introduced Briana Moore, Programs & Community Engagement Librarian. New Home Boost Kits, to help homes be more energy efficient, from Orange & Rockland Utilities are expected to be available for checkout by Patrons in the Spring.

Upon motion by Ms. Kirsch, seconded by Ms. Christian, the Board unanimously accepted the Director's Report. There were 10 yes votes.

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

Ellyse Berg, Friends of the Nyack Library distributed bookmarks in three languages to the Board. The bookmarks are available for the public.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee:

Mr. Cea reported that future grants may be contingent on Trustees getting their additional educational credits. RCLS offers training for Board members.

Development & Public Relations Committee:

Upon motion by Ms. Sullivan, to accept and gratefully acknowledge the Gifts & Grants Report for December 2025, seconded by Mr. Conway, the Board resolved to accept with appreciation \$14,430 in gifts/grants. The total Donations and Grants for 2025-2026 (through December 31, 2025), \$91,558. Thank you to those who generously donated. There were 10 yes votes.

Nominating Committee:

Ms. Christian reported there was no meeting, but communicated by email. Current Trustees up for re-election, Diane Christian, Jeremiah Conway, Moriah Olsen and Daniel Wolff are interested in running again. There was one new applicant, Holly Kashin Brown.

Policy Development & Long-Range Planning Committee:

Mr. Conway reported the Committee met and they will review the Whistleblowers and Harassment Prevention Policies. Mr. Cea asked the Policy Committee to review the web site and give input on policy layout.

Long Range Planning Committee:

Ms. Sullivan reported the Committee met and discussed the future Lone Range Plan process. Contacted RCLS for Long Range Plan training.

Personnel Committee:

No report.

Building & Property Committee:

No report.

Audit Committee:

Ms. Kirsch reported the Audit report is being worked on by the Auditor.

DePew House Ad-Hoc Committee:

Mr. Conway reported the Committee did not meet. Mr. Wolff summarized the tasks accomplished by Friends of DePew group, to-date. The group is working on the historical status application. Mr. Murrell is working on the tax exemption application.

Friends of the Nyack Library Liaison Committee:

Ms. Christian reported book shelves have been assembled in the Book Nook. Book collection is scheduled April 1 – 30, and the Book Sale is scheduled June 6 – 7.

Finance Committee:

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

Upon motion by Mr. Murrell, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, the Board approved removing Eric McCarthy (if not already done) and add Tracy Dunstan to both the Key Bank & TD Bank accounts.

Financial Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Murrell reported on December 31 the available cash in the checking accounts, \$1.3 million; \$2.9 million invested in certificates of deposit, with interest rates from 3.2% to 3.5%. In December the school district sent an extra \$134,182 from the property tax collected. Current bond status, \$5,934,058 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 \$199,705.99 surplus.

Upon motion by Mr. Murrell, seconded by Mr. Wolff, the Library Board unanimously accepted the Financial Statements as presented including the Summary of Key Balance Sheet Amounts as of December 31, 2025 and the December 2025 Performance Report. There were 10 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 December 2025 which have been reviewed by the President and/or the Vice President, Secretary and the Treasurer; General Fund Expenses of \$234,284.44, Debt Fund Expenses for \$36,322.83, Payroll Disbursement for pay date December 12, 2025 for \$63,106.74 and Payroll Disbursement for pay date December 26, 2025 for \$61,318.11 for a total of \$395,032.12. There were 10 yes votes.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

Adjournment:

Upon motion by Mr. Conway, seconded by Ms. Dressner, the Board agreed to adjourn at 7:37 pm. There were 10 yes votes.

Respectfully submitted,

Minerva Parker

Board Clerk