

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
HAUPPAUGE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
March 30, 2026  
Hauppauge Public Library**

**Present**

Mr. Steve Bard  
Ms. Barbara Leventhal  
Ms. Nayana Mehta  
Mr. Ralph Plotke  
Mr. John White  
Mr. Matthew Bollerman, Chief Executive Officer

**Guests**

Christopher D'Antonio  
A member of the public

Mr. White called the Meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. White asked the Chief Executive Officer to discuss the Proposed 2026-2027 Operating Budget being voting on April 14 from 9:30 am to 8:30 pm at the Library. A few Board members and a member of the public had questions and a comment. Mr. White encouraged all registered voters in the library district to vote.

Mr. White asked each candidate for library trustee to introduce themselves and share their reasons for running for this position. Nayana Mehta, Barbara Leventhal and Christopher D'Antonio spoke. There are two seats opening on the Board on July 1, one five year position and one three year position. The person who receives the most votes will take on the five year seat and the next highest the three year seat. Voting will also be in person at the Library on Tuesday, April 14 from 9:30 am to 8:30 pm.

Motion to accept the Minutes of the March 2, 2026 Board Meeting (Bard, Leventhal) passed 5-0.

**Treasurer's Report**

The Chief Executive Officer reviewed the reports with the Board.

Motion to accept the March 30, 2026 operating warrant \$343,329.70 (Mehta, Leventhal) passed 5-0.

**Correspondence**

An announcement of the upcoming Senior Dinner at the Hauppauge High School was shared.

**Chief Executive Officer's Report**

Kathleen Brett, Head of Guest Services shared this winter a "Blizz-Art" table- an extension of our art cart was introduced. Lorraine had organized leftover art cart materials and miscellaneous supplies, which we repurposed into ready-to-use craft kits. The response was overwhelmingly positive. During the week of the Super Bowl, we introduced a new initiative the "Souper Bowl". Guests were invited to vote for the team they believed would win by donating a can of soup to their chosen team's collection box. We collected 60 cans of soup, which were donated to the Hauppauge High School food pantry. Kathleen has also scheduled nearly the entire year of art gallery and display case exhibitors. National Library Week will take place from April 19 to 25. This annual celebration highlights the vital roles libraries and library staff play in

transforming lives and strengthening communities. This year's theme "Find Your Joy," is especially uplifting. The Honorary Chair, is librarian Michael Threets, known for his engaging and affirming social media content promoting libraries and literacy. In celebration of the theme, we are inviting guests to share what brings them joy at the library. We will also be hosting a raffle to encourage participation and engagement. The CEO shared the latest work on the Library Card Campaign. The campaign will focus on three distinct groups: zero to 9, 20 to 29 and 50 to 64 year old people in the community. A few various strategies will be deployed and tweaked over the next six months. The CEO met with a number of community members to discuss the formation of a Chamber of Commerce. The Long Island Sports Hall of Fame is adding a display at the Library. A ribbon cutting will take place on Monday, April 20 at 6:30 pm. The expected Payments In Lieu of Taxes Income (PILOT) is on track to what we budgeted for. Our summer reading program is coming along as we plan to "Unearth A Story." A number of changes are coming at 1373 Veterans: a new KI Genius wall, two new privacy pods, repairs to our water fountains and our access control system back up and running. The CEO asked the Board for some direction to questions RDA Landscape Architects asked. The CEO shared the latest news from the part-timer collective bargaining proceedings and a major retirement from our staff. Fran's last day will be on October 1. More details on celebrating her career with the Library will be forthcoming.

**Committee Reports**

None

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

**Period for Public Expression**

None

**Personnel Report**

Motion to accept the March 30, 2026 Personnel Report (Plotke, Bard) passed 5-0.

**General Discussion**

None

**Executive Session**

None

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. (Plotke, Mehta) passed 5-0.