

HUNTINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
338 Main Street  
Huntington, NY 11743

**MINUTES**

Approved

Of a Regular Meeting of the Library Board of Trustees  
Held February 17, 2026,  
at the Main Library – Meeting Room

**PRESENT:** Trustees: Pat McKenna-Bausch, Jennifer Hebert, Sam Sowyrda,  
Library Director: Jose-Rodrigo Hernandez; Assistant Library Director: Kristine Casper; Administrative Assistant: Gabriele Guerra

**EXCUSED:** Trustees: Kimberly Hawkins, Susan Corcoran Waters  
Business Manager: Jennifer Mulvihill

Mr. Sowyrda called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m.

Ms. McKenna-Bausch made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hebert, to approve the agenda as presented for the February 17, 2026, Board of Trustees Meeting. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. McKenna-Bausch made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hebert, to approve the Library Board of Trustees Minutes of a meeting held January 20, 2026. The vote was unanimous.

A period of public expression was offered.

Katie Stone, RA, LEED, AP from H2M architects & engineers presented the Elevator Existing Conditions Investigation Report and answer related questions.

Mr. Sowyrda made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hebert, that Warrant #31, January End of Month, totaling \$411,218.30, is paid. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Hebert made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sowyrda, that Warrant #32, February Disbursements, totaling \$450,992.33, is paid. The vote was unanimous.

Business Manager Jennifer Mulvihill was excused and there was no written report due to the busy time of years preparing the budget.

Committee Assignments: None

Ms. Hebert made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sowyrda, to accept the February 2026 Personnel Report, as presented. The vote was unanimous.

Assistant Library Director Kristine Casper expanded on information about the Main elevator next steps from her written report and provided a printed version of library patron testimonials that Colleen Giordano, created for Advocacy day for the Board of Trustees to look at. Ms. Casper was available for questions.

Director Jose Hernandez highlighted information about the budget he was working on with Business Manager Jennifer Mulvihill from his written report. He and was available to answer questions.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Ms. Hebert made a motion, seconded by Ms. McKenna-Bausch to approve the legal notice for the annual budget vote and trustee election as presented. The vote was unanimous.

Correspondence & Communication: None.

A period of public expression was offered.

At 7:45 pm, Ms. Hebert made a motion, seconded by Ms. McKenna-Bausch to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Sowyrda adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Prepared by:

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Susan Corcoran Waters, Secretary

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Gabriele Guerra, Administrative Assistant