

HUNTINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
338 Main Street  
Huntington, NY 11743

**MINUTES**

Approved

Of a Regular Meeting of the Library Board of Trustees  
Held March 17, 2026,  
at the Station Branch Library – Classroom

**PRESENT:** Trustees: Pat McKenna-Bausch, Sam Sowyrda, Jennifer Hebert, Susan Corcoran Waters, Kimberly Hawkins

Library Director: Jose-Rodrigo Hernandez; Assistant Library Director: Kristine Casper;  
Business Manager: Jennifer Mulvihill, Administrative Assistant: Gabriele Guerra

**EXCUSED:**

Ms. Hawkins called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

Ms. McKenna-Bausch made a motion, seconded by Ms. Waters, to approve the Library Board of Trustees Minutes, of a meeting held February 17, 2026. The vote was unanimous.

A period of public expression was offered.

Ms. Waters made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hawkins that Warrant #35, February End of Month, totaling \$425,576.12, is paid. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Waters made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hawkins that Warrant #36, March disbursements, totaling \$242,486.82, is paid. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Hawkins made a motion, seconded by Ms. Waters that Warrant #4, March capital fund, totaling \$54,758.00, is paid. The vote was unanimous.

Business Manager Jennifer Mulvihill reported she was working on the budget and was available for questions.

**Committee Assignments:**

The Budget & Finance Committee members, Ms. Hebert and Ms. Hawkins met to review the proposed budget.

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

Assistant Library Director Kristine Casper elaborated on her written report that the State Report will be in the April Board packet for approval next month and she was available for questions.

Library Director Jose Hernandez elaborated on his written report and there was a discussion about the Early Voting Contract and the Board of Elections equipment concerns. The Director was available for questions.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: Jose Hernandez presented the proposed 2026-2027 budget with a 4.75% increase for discussion and approval.

The following resolution was made:

RESOLUTION:

MARCH 17, 2026

RESOLUTION APPROVING REVISED 2026-2027 BUDGET IN EXCESS OF STATE TAX CAP AND SETTING DATE FOR VOTE ON REVISED BUDGET.

WHEREAS, the adoption of this 2026 - 2027 budget for the Huntington Public Library (the "Library") requires a tax levy increase that exceeds the tax cap imposed by State law as outlined in General Municipal Law ("GML") §3-c, adopted in 2011; and

WHEREAS, GML §3-c expressly permits the Library Board of Trustees to override the tax levy limit by a resolution approved by a vote of sixty percent of qualified Board Trustees;

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Huntington Public Library does hereby vote to, and approve to, exceed the tax levy limit for the 2026- 2027 fiscal year by at least sixty percent of the Board of Trustees, as required by State law.

Disposition of the Board:

Moved: Mr. Sowyrda

Seconded: Ms. Hawkins

Those in favor: 5 Trustees, Those opposed: 0 Trustees, Those Abstaining: None

Comments: None

Ms. Hebert made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hawkins to approve the proposed 2026-2027 budget as presented, which is to be voted on by the Huntington Library District taxpayers at the April 14, 2026, annual Budget Vote and Trustee Election for the library. The vote was unanimous

Ms. Waters made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sowyrda, to approve the proposal for professional architectural and engineering services – elevator modernization as presented. The vote was unanimous.

Correspondence & Communication: None

A second period of public expression was offered.

At 7:56 pm, Ms. Hebert made a motion, seconded by Ms. Waters to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Hawkins adjourned the meeting at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Prepared by:

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Susan Corcoran Waters, Secretary

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Gabriele Guerra, Administrative Assistant