

HUNTINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
338 Main Street
Huntington, NY 11743

MINUTES

Approved

Of a Regular Meeting of the Library Board of Trustees
Held April 21, 2026,
at the Station Branch Library – Classroom

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

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

EXCUSED:

Mr. Sowyrda called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

Ms. Waters made a motion, seconded by Ms. McKenna-Bausch, to approve the agenda as presented for the April 21, 2026, Board of Trustees Meeting. The vote was unanimous.

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

Ms. McKenna-Bausch made a motion, seconded by Ms. Waters, to approve the Library Board of Trustees Minutes, of a special meeting held April 7, 2026. The vote was unanimous.

A period of public expression was offered.

Mr. Sowyrda made a motion, seconded by Ms. Waters that Warrant #40, March End of Month, totaling \$421,343.51, is paid. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Sowyrda made a motion, seconded by Ms. Waters that Warrant #41, April disbursements, totaling \$277,593.40, is paid. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Sowyrda made a motion, seconded by Ms. Waters that Warrant #44, Q1 Medicare disbursements, totaling \$32,785.61, is paid. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Sowyrda made a motion, seconded by Ms. Waters that Warrant #5, March capital fund, totaling \$7,750.00, is paid. The vote was unanimous.

Business Manager Jennifer Mulvihill didn't have anything to add to her written report and was available for questions.

Committee Assignments:

Labor Management Committee members, Ms. Waters and Ms. Hebert met with Jose Hernandez and Jennifer Mulvihill. They will go into executive session to discuss.

Ms. Waters made a motion, seconded by Ms. McKenna-Bausch, to accept the April 2026 Personnel Report as presented. The vote was unanimous.

Assistant Library Director Kristine Casper didn't have anything to add to her written report and was available for questions.

Library Director Jose Hernandez highlighted items from his written report and was available for questions.

Unfinished Business: Congratulations to Trustee, Pat McKenna-Bausch on being re-elected to a 5-year term.

New Business:

Kristine Casper reviewed the New York State Annual Report for Public and Association Libraries – 2025. It was in a different format because NY State Library launched a new reporting platform.

Ms. Waters made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hebert to approve the New York State Annual Report for Public and Association Libraries – 2025 as presented. The vote was unanimous.

Correspondence & Communication: None

A second period of public expression was held.

At 7:43 pm, Ms. Waters made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hebert to enter executive session to discuss contract negotiations. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Hebert made a motion at 8:45 pm to re-enter public session, seconded by Ms. Waters. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. McKenna-Bausch made a motion to approve the Labor Management committee's counter proposal for labor negotiations, as discussed. Seconded by Ms. Hebert. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Hebert made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 pm, seconded by Ms. Waters.

Mr. Sowyrda adjourned the meeting at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Prepared by:

Susan Corcoran Waters, Secretary

Gabriele Guerra, Administrative Assistant