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MINUTES

REORGANIZATION & REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date	Jul 9, 2026
Time	6:00 p.m.
Location	760 Ocean Avenue, Bohemia, NY 11716

I. Call to Order

A. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Mrs. Schmidt.

II. Roll Call

A. **Present:** President Kathleen Schmidt, Vice President Susan Furfaro, Trustee George Kreuscher, Trustee Elizabeth Savit.

B. **Absent:** Trustee Catherine Poissant.

C. **Also Present:** Dr. Jason Ladick, Executive Director.

III. Oath of Office for Newly Elected Trustees

A. The oath was administered to Mrs. Schmidt on June 24, 2026 for the term covering July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2031.

IV. Nominations and Elections of Officers

A. **Motion:** Mr. Kreuscher moved, seconded by Mrs. Savit, to nominate and appoint the following slate of officers for 2026-27:

1. Mrs. Susan Furfaro, President

2. Mrs. Elizabeth Savit, Vice President

3. Mrs. Catherine J Poissant - Secretary Treasurer

Carried 4-0.

V. Appointment of Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer

A. **Motion:** Mrs. Furfaro moved, seconded by Mrs. Savit, to appoint Mrs. Janet Kowal as Treasurer, and Mrs. Melissa Greek as Deputy Treasurer for 2026-27. **Carried 4-0.**

VI. Appointment of Executive Director as Officer

A. **Motion:** Mr. Kreuscher moved, seconded by Mrs. Furfaro, to appoint Dr. Jason Ladick as Executive Director for 2026-27. **Carried 4-0.**

VII. Appointment of Legal Firm

A. **Motion:** Mr. Kreuscher moved, seconded by Mrs. Savit, to appoint the legal firm of *Quatela Chimeri, PLLC*, with Andrew Martingale, Esq. as Library Attorney for 2026-27 as per annual retainer dated June 26, 2026. **Carried 4-0.**

VIII. Appointment of Accounting Firm

A. The Board acknowledged that Baldessari & Coster LLP had previously been appointed as Library accountant and external auditor at the February 12, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees pursuant to the FY 2025-26 engagement letter.

IX. Affirmation of Financial Management Policy (900-10)

A. **Motion:** Mr. Kreuscher moved, seconded by Mrs. Furfaro, to affirm *Financial Management Policy (900-10).* **Carried 4-0.**

X. Affirmation of Procurement Policy (900-50)

A. **Motion:** Mr. Kreuscher moved, seconded by Mrs. Furfaro, to affirm *Procurement Policy (900-50).* **Carried 4-0.**

XI. Affirmation of Investment Policy (900-30)

A. **Motion:** Mr. Kreuscher moved, seconded by Mrs. Furfaro, **t**o affirm *Investment Policy (900-30).* **Carried 4-0.**

XII. Designation of Bank Depositories

A. **Motion:** Mr. Kreuscher moved, seconded by Mrs. Furfaro, to establish *M&T Bank* for a maximum amount of $4,500,000 and *TD Bank* for a maximum amount of $1,000,000 with the Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer as signatories for 2026–27. **Carried 4-0.**

XIII. Designation of Newspapers for Public Notices

A. **Motion:** Mrs. Savit moved, seconded by Mr. Kreuscher, to select the *Islip Messenger* and the *Suffolk County News* as the newspapers to be utilized for public notices for 2026-27. **Carried 4-0.**

XIV. Establishment of Regular Meetings of the Board of Trustees for the 2026-27 Fiscal Year

A. **Motion:** Mrs. Furfaro moved, seconded by Mrs. Savit, to approve the dates for the Regular Meetings of the Board of Trustees for 2026-27. **Carried 4-0.**

XV. Adjournment of Reorganization Meeting

A. **Motion:** Mr. Kreuscher moved, seconded by Mrs. Savit, to adjourn at 6:12 p.m. **Carried 4-0.**

XVI. Call to Order for Regular Meeting

A. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:13 p.m. by Mrs. Furfaro.

XVII. Disposition of Minutes

A. **Motion:** Mr. Kreuscher moved, seconded by Mrs. Schmidt, to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2026 *Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees* as presented or as amended. **Carried 4-0.**

XVIII. Financial Reports

A. **Motion:** Mr. Kreuscher moved, seconded by Mrs. Schmidt, to approve the *Financial Reports* for June 30, 2026. **Carried 4-0.**

XIX. Schedule of Claims

A. **Motion:** Mr. Kreuscher moved, seconded by Mrs. Schmidt, to approve the *Schedule of Claims* dated July 9, 2026 in the total amount of $542,054.78. **Carried 4-0**.

XX. Report of the Executive Director and Committee Reports

A. The Board reviewed the *2027 Holiday and Closing Schedule.*

B. **Motion:** Mrs. Schmidt moved, seconded by Mrs. Savit, to approve the 2025-26 Year-End Budget Transfers, as presented, which reallocate existing appropriations among expenditure accounts for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2026. The transfers total $311,550 from various expenditure accounts and $311,550 to various expenditure accounts, resulting in no change to the Library's total adopted budget. **Carried 4-0**.

C. **Motion:** Mrs. Schmidt moved, seconded by Mr. Kreuscher, to approve the proposal from *Center Maintenance Co., 664 D Blue Point Road, Holtsville, NY 11742*, to fill cracks, sealcoat, and re-stripe the Library parking lot in the amount of $23,895. Procurement was conducted in accordance with the Library's procurement policy through the receipt of three quotes. **Carried 4-0**.

D. **Motion:** Mrs. Savit moved, seconded by Mr. Kreuscher, to approve the following employment appointments, promotions, and/or separations:

1. Cecile Mazza retired as Librarian II (F/T) with Children & Family Services effective June 26, 2026. A PTO payout was processed in accordance with Library policy for this retiring employee.

2. Jacquelyn DiLorenzo was appointed as Librarian II (F/T) with Children & Family Services effective July 6, 2026.

Carried 4-0.

XXI. Communications

A. None.

XXII. Old Business

A. None.

XXIII. Executive Session

A. **Motion:** Mrs. Savit moved, seconded by Mr. Kreuscher, to enter Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular person at 6:29 p.m. **Carried 4-0.**

B. **Motion:** Mrs. Savit moved, seconded by Mr. Kreuscher, to leave Executive Session and return to open session at 6:35 p.m. **Carried 4-0.**

XXIV. New Business

A. **Motion:** Mrs. Schmidt moved, seconded by Mr. Kreuscher, to appoint Christopher DeCristofaro as Assistant Library Director, effective August 17, 2026, at the compensation approved by the Board, and to provide him with the same fringe benefits as are currently afforded to all professional employees under the Library's Personnel Policy, subject to the same terms and conditions. **Carried 4-0.**

XXV. Public Comment

A. Mr. Edwin Taylor inquired about the year-end budget totals and praised the work he has seen performed by our IT Operations Manager, Jesse Reinard.

XXVI. Announcements

A. The next scheduled Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Thursday, August 13, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

XXVII. Adjournment

A. **Motion:** Mr. Kreuscher moved, seconded by Mrs. Schmidt, to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. **Carried 4-0.**

Approval
Approved by the Board of Trustees on August 13, 2026.

Board Secretary

Signature: Elizabeth Sant

Name: Elizabeth Sant

Date: 8/13/26