

MINUTES

CONNETQUOT PUBLIC LIBRARY REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

February 12, 2026
6:00 pm

760 Ocean Avenue
Bohemia, NY 11716

I. Call to Order

There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at: 6:03 pm by Mrs. Savit.

II. Roll Call

Board of Trustees members present were: Trustee, Mrs. Elizabeth Savit; Trustee, Mrs. Catherine Poissant, Trustee, Mr. George Kreuzer. Absent were: President, Mrs. Kathleen Schmidt; Vice President, Mrs. Susan Furfaro;

Also present were: Mrs. Kimberly DeCristofaro, Executive Director; Dr. Jason Ladick, Director of Operations.

III. Disposition of Minutes

Motion: Mrs. Poissant, seconded by Mr. Kreuzer, to accept the minutes of the January 8, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees as presented. Carried 3-0.

IV. Financial Reports

Motion: Mr. Kreuzer moved, seconded by Mrs. Poissant, to approve the Financial Reports for January 31, 2026. Carried 3-0.

V. Schedule of Claims

Motion: Mrs. Poissant moved, seconded by Mr. Kreuzer, to approve the Schedule of Claims dated February 12, 2026 equaling the total of \$778,758.36. Carried 3-0.

VI. Report of the Executive Director and Committee Reports

- A. Resignation of Bayside CPA PLLC as library accountant and external auditor due to firm relocation; effective March 5, 2026, following completion of FY 2026 sales tax e-filing.

- B. **Motion:** Mr. Kreuzscher moved, seconded by Mrs. Poissant, to appoint *Baldessari & Coster LLP* as library accountant and external auditor as per engagement letter for FY 2025-26, for \$21,500. Carried 3-0.
- C. Provided update on construction of the new meeting room in the southeast corner, with glass walls and flooring scheduled for installation this month; AV vendors have been consulted.
- D. Reviewed Weather-Related Closures
 - 1. Sunday, January 25, 2026. Closed due to inclement weather.
 - 2. Monday, January 26, 2026. Closed due to inclement weather.

VII. Communications

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

- A. Mrs. Savit reported that she thoroughly enjoyed The Chain: A Fleetwood Mac Experience concert on Sunday, January 11, 2026, noting that there was not an empty seat in the venue.
- B. The Board of Trustees and Dr. Ladick presented Mrs. DeCristofaro with a plaque recognizing her service as Library Director since 2003, acknowledging her decades of dedication, leadership, and unwavering commitment to the staff, community, and the library's mission.

X. Public Comment

- A. Mr. Edwin Taylor inquired about the library's continued standing as a passport acceptance facility, noting that it is pending approval from the U.S. Department of State; he also asked whether insurance coverage protects the Board and administration from litigation and extended his best wishes to Mrs. DeCristofaro on her retirement.
- B. Mrs. Mary Louise Kreuzscher spoke about Mrs. DeCristofaro's service at the library, stating that she deserves a well-earned retirement, and also extended congratulations to Dr. Ladick.

XI. Announcements

- A. The next scheduled Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Thursday, March 12, 2026 at 6 pm.

XII. Adjournment

- A. **Motion:** Mr. Kreuzscher moved, seconded by Mrs. Poissant, to adjourn at 6:25 pm. Carried 3-0.

Approved by the Board of Trustees:

Trustee

Date

Trustee

Date

Trustee

Date

