

## 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

Present: Trustee Elizabeth Savit, Trustee Catherine Poissant, Trustee George Kreuzer.

Absent: President Kathleen Schmidt, Vice President Susan Furfaro.

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

#### III. Disposition of Minutes

**Motion:** Mrs. Poissant moved, 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 in the total amount of \$778,758.36. Carried 3-0.

## **VI. Report of the Executive Director and Committee Reports**

- A. The Board was informed of the resignation of Bayside CPA PLLC as the library's accountant and external auditor due to the firm's relocation, effective March 5, 2026, following completion of the 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. Review of 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 community room.
- 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 the designation 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 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Thursday, March 12, 2026, at 6:00 PM..

**XII. Adjournment**

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

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**Approved by the Board of Trustees:**

<u>Elizabeth Sant</u>	<u>3/12/26</u>
Trustee	Date
<u>Catherine Poissant</u>	<u>03/12/2026</u>
Trustee	Date
<u>Ray Kreuzer</u>	<u>03/12/26</u>
Trustee	Date