

MINUTES

CONNETQUOT PUBLIC LIBRARY REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 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 6:02 p.m. by Mrs. Schmidt.

II. Roll Call

Present: President Kathleen Schmidt, Vice President Susan Furfaro, Trustee Elizabeth Savit, Trustee Catherine Poissant.

Absent: Trustee George Kreuzer.

Also present were: Dr. Jason Ladick, Executive Director.

III. Disposition of Minutes

Motion: Mrs. Poissant moved, seconded by Mrs. Savit, to accept the minutes of the February 12, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees as presented. **Carried 4-0.**

IV. Financial Reports

Motion: Mrs. Poissant moved, seconded by Mrs. Savit, to approve the Financial Reports for February 28, 2026. **Carried 4-0.**

Trustee George Kreuzer arrived at 6:07 p.m.

V. Schedule of Claims

Motion: Mrs. Savit moved, seconded by Mr. Kreuzer, to approve the Schedule of Claims dated March 12, 2026 in the total amount of \$617,081.80. **Carried 5-0.**

VI. Report of the Executive Director and Committee Reports

- A. **Motion:** Mr. Kreuscher moved, seconded by Mrs. Furfaro, to approve adjustments to the starting and top step salaries for designated library positions as presented by the Executive Director, contingent upon voter approval of the 2026-27 annual budget. **Carried 5-0.**
- B. **Motion:** Mrs. Savit moved, seconded by Mr. Kreuscher, to approve a proposed 3% salary increase for eligible library staff for the 2026-27 fiscal year, contingent upon voter approval of the 2026-27 annual budget, and that employees whose current salaries fall below the newly established starting salaries for their positions may be adjusted to those levels, which may result in increases greater than 3%. **Carried 5-0.**
- C. **Motion:** Mrs. Poissant moved, seconded by Mr. Kreuscher, to approve a quote from *ACL Construction Corp.* for the construction of staff offices. In accordance with the Library's procurement policy, three written quotes were obtained, and the lowest responsible quote was submitted by ACL Construction Corp. in the amount of \$33,900. This work is separate from prior soffit construction completed earlier in the fiscal year. **Carried 5-0.**
- D. The Library received a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) from the Suffolk County Industrial Development Agency in the amount of \$27,581.01 for the first half of the 2025–2026 fiscal year.
- E. The Board discussed and reviewed the proposed design for a cast bronze plaque to be installed in the lobby recognizing the service and contributions of former Library Director Kim DeCristofaro.
- F. Review of Weather-Related Closures
 - 1. Sunday, February 22, 2026. Closed due to inclement weather.
 - 2. Monday, February 23, 2026. Closed due to inclement weather.
 - 3. Tuesday, February 24, 2026. Closed due to inclement weather.

VII. Communications

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

X. Public Comment

- A. Mr. Edwin Taylor inquired about the occupancy limit for the new meeting room and expressed appreciation for the craftsmanship of the glass walls.

XI. Announcements

- A. The Budget Information Meeting and the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 6:00 PM.

XII. Adjournment

A. **Motion:** Mr. Kreuzscher moved, seconded by Mrs. Savit, to adjourn at 6:26 pm. Carried 5-0.

Approved by the Board of Trustees:

Trustee

Date

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