

MINUTES

CONNETQUOT PUBLIC LIBRARY REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

May 14, 2026
6:00 pm

760 Ocean Avenue
Bohemia, NY 11716

I. Call to Order

A. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m. by Mrs. Schmidt.

II. Roll Call

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

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

III. Disposition of Minutes

A. **Motion:** Mr. Kreuzscher moved, seconded by Mrs. Savit, to approve the minutes from the April 9, 2026 *Budget Information Meeting of the Board of Trustees* and the minutes from the April 9, 2026 *Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees* as presented or as amended. **Carried 5-0.**

IV. Financial Reports

A. **Motion:** Mrs. Savit moved, seconded by Mr. Kreuzscher, to approve the *Financial Reports* for April 30, 2026. **Carried 5-0.**

V. Schedule of Claims

A. **Motion:** Mrs. Poissant moved, seconded by Mr. Kreuzscher, to approve the *Schedule of Claims* dated May 14, 2026 in the total amount of \$505,950.08. **Carried 5-0.**

VI. Report of the Executive Director and Committee Reports

- A. **Motion:** Mrs. Furfaro moved, seconded by Mr. Kreuscher, to adopt *Resolution 2026-05-01: Accepting Election Results for the April 14, 2026 Budget Vote and Trustee Election*, as presented. **Carried 5-0.**
- B. **Motion:** Mr. Kreuscher moved, seconded by Mrs. Savit, to shred the ballots from the April 8, 2025 Annual Library Budget Vote and Trustee Election. **Carried 5-0.**
- C. **Motion:** Mr. Kreuscher moved, seconded by Mrs. Poissant, to accept the renewal from Sage Intacct to provide an annual subscription to the Sage Intacct Pro Edition cloud-based accounting application in the amount of \$18,438.00. **Carried 5-0.**
- D. **Motion:** Mrs. Savit moved, seconded by Mr. Kreuscher, to approve a quote from *W.B. Mason* for office furniture for the new Adult Services office in the amount of \$25,530.34. Procurement is being made through New York State OGS Contract # PC70286. **Carried 5-0.**
- E. Discussed that the Library's Summer Reading Challenges for children, teens, and adults are currently being finalized, with a kickoff event scheduled for June 20, 2026. The initiatives will include reading incentives, prizes, raffles, and related programming designed to encourage community participation throughout the summer months. In conjunction with the nationwide America 250 commemoration, the Library will also offer a slate of themed programs and events tied to the anniversary.
- F. Announced that a new management-level position titled *Connections Manager* has been created to oversee and coordinate all programming, marketing, and outreach initiatives..
- G. **Motion:** Mr. Kreuscher moved, seconded by Mrs. Savit, to approve the following employment appointments, promotions, and/or separations:
 - 1. Julianna Wood resigned as Library Clerk (P/T) with Circulation effective April 22, 2026.
 - 2. Susan Kandle promoted to Librarian III, *Connections Manager*, effective April 25, 2026.
 - 3. Natalie Labita promoted to Librarian I (F/T) with Children & Family Services effective May 9, 2026.
 - 4. Peter Proscia appointed as Librarian I (P/T) with Children & Family Services effective May 12, 2026.

Carried 5-0.

VII. Communications

- A. None.

VIII. Old Business

A. None.

IX. New Business

A. Mrs. Savit inquired about the 2026 Suffolk Summer Tour, where patrons are encouraged to visit other public libraries across the county for a chance to enter raffles and win prizes.

X. Public Comment

A. Mr. Edwin Taylor acknowledged the passing of the public library budget and discussed the upcoming school budget vote and the uncertainty resulting from NYS funding.

XI. Announcements

A. The next scheduled Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Thursday, June 11, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

XII. Adjournment

A. **Motion:** Mr. Kreuzscher moved, seconded by Mrs. Savit, to adjourn at 6:31 p.m. **Carried 5-0.**

Approved by the Board of Trustees:

Trustee

Date

Trustee

Date

Trustee

Date

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RESOLUTION 2026-05-01: ACCEPTING ELECTION RESULTS

Adopted on May 14, 2026

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget Vote and Trustee Election of the Connetquot Public Library was held on April 14, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the duly appointed inspectors of election have certified the results of said vote and election in the Certificate of Elections dated April 14, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has reviewed the Certificate of Elections and finds the vote and election to have been conducted in accordance with applicable law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Connetquot Public Library hereby accept the certified results of the annual Budget Vote and Trustee Election held on April 14, 2026 as follows:

Proposition No. 1 - Annual Budget

Resolved, that the budget as proposed by the Board of Trustees of the Connetquot Public Library for the year 2026–2027 in the amount of \$7,611,500 be approved and that the sum of \$7,233,000 be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the Connetquot Central School District of Islip.

- Yes: 234
- No: 55

Result: APPROVED

Trustee Election

- Kathleen Schmidt: 266 votes
- Write-in candidates: 6 votes
- Total spoiled ballots: 0

Result: Kathleen Schmidt is hereby declared elected as Trustee of the Connetquot Public Library for a term of five (5) years commencing July 1, 2026 and expiring June 30, 2031.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Certificate of Elections dated April 14, 2026, as certified by the inspectors of election, shall be annexed to and made a part of the minutes of this meeting.

CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Connetquot Public Library at a regular meeting held on May 14, 2026, at which a quorum was present and voting.

Board President

Signature: Kathleen Schmidt
Name: KATHLEEN SCHMIDT
Date: 5/14/26

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTIONS

We, the undersigned inspectors for the Annual Budget Vote and Trustee Election for the Connetquot Public Library held on **April 14, 2026**, at the Connetquot Public Library; Connetquot Central School District, Bohemia, New York, certify the following results of voting:






PROPOSITION NO. 1: Resolved, that the budget as proposed by the Board of Trustees of the Connetquot Public Library for the year **2026-2027** in the amount of **\$7,611,500** be approved and that the sum of **\$7,233,000** be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the Connetquot Central School District of Islip.

	YES	NO
Ballot Box	195	33
Absentee Ballots	36	22
Affidavit Ballots	0	0
Early Mailing Ballots	3	0
TOTAL	234	55

TRUSTEE ELECTION

	KATHLEEN SCHMIDT	WRITE-INS
Ballot Box	205	6
Absentee Ballots	58	0
Affidavit Ballots	0	0
Early Mailing Ballots	3	0
TOTAL	266	6

Total Spoiled Ballots	0
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	NAME (PRINT)	SIGNATURE	DATE
Inspector #1	LEONARD TURSO		4/14/2026
Inspector #2	TARA LUOWIS		4/14/26
Inspector #3			
Inspector #4			
Clerk of the Vote	Kimberly Schrockmeyer		4/14/26
Chief Inspector	Kimberly Schrockmeyer		4/14/26
Chairperson	Kimberly Schrockmeyer		4/14/26

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTIONS

WRITE-INS

Name	Ballot Box	Absentee	Affidavit	Early Mailing	TOTAL
Joe Biden	1				1
Dina Ruiz	1				1
Sal Napolitano	1				1
Dr. Joseph Centamore	2				2
Milyn Augulis	1				1