

Present: Anthony Brindisi, Evon M. Ervin, Julia Fernandez, Raina Goldbas, Gabriel Hage, Diana L. Koury, Dominic R. Passalacqua, Jordan Peters, Helen S. Schwartz, Carol W. Steele, Nathan Jochum, Heidi McManus and Sara Billman

Excused: Darlene Mack-Brown, Linda T. Madore, F.X. Matt III

Absent: Elizabeth Ellis

Conflict of Interest Review

There were no conflicts of interest.

Minutes

Approval of the 4/23/2026 Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

On motion of Raina Goldbas and seconded by Helen Schwartz the 4/23/2026 Board Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved.

Old Business

- Long Range Plan: The committee has held two meetings; one with staff and supervisors and the other with community stakeholders. Both were very productive. The plan is on course to be published by year end.
- Jonathan Lin Branding Project: no updates.

May 2026 Director's Report

Nathan reviewed some of his activities during the last month.

- Nathan attended the nonprofit symposium at Herkimer County Community College today.
- Westcott Security is scheduled to begin at the library on Monday, June 1st.
- Nathan thanked Evon for her service as Board President for the last year.
- Nathan also thanked Phil Bean, who officially resigned from the board after serving for 7 years.
- Trustees were encouraged to RSVP to Sara for the June 10th Meet & Greet event the library is hosting to formally introduce Nathan to the community.
- Nathan was chosen as a member of the next Leadership Mohawk Valley class.
- Trustees NYLA (New York Library Association) memberships are up for renewal. Nathan will be sending out communication regarding this.

May 2026 Financial Report

Diana Koury reviewed the May 2026 Budget Report with April 2026 data.

- School Tax Levy, including interest, has been paid 100%.
- Building Maintenance expense line is down
- Capital Grants are up due to the library receiving the NYS Construction Aid reimbursement through Mid-York.
- Investments are up \$136,000 month to date

On motion of Carol Steele and seconded by Julia Fernandez the May 2026 Budget Reports were approved.

Diana reviewed the April 2026 disbursements and confirmed that all expenses \$500 and over were approved by two Board Officers prior to payment. Payroll and utilities expenses do not require prior approval.

On motion of Dominic Passalacqua and seconded by Helen Schwartz the April 2026 disbursements were approved.

New Business

- The proposition for the library tax levy was approved by a margin of 1,280 to 387.
- 1st and 2nd quarter funding has been received from Oneida County.
- Raina reviewed the VDA elevator assessment and assured the trustees that Nathan and the Facilities Committee plan to explore all options in regards to the current elevator and the plans to improve/replace/refurbish.

On motion of Dom Passalacqua and seconded by Carol Steele the trustees unanimously agreed to adjourn the regular board meeting and entered into the Annual Meeting.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, June 18th @ 4pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Billman