

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NORTH
BABYLON PUBLIC LIBRARY HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2025**

The meeting was called to order by President Ms. Hare at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Hester, Mrs. Ziegler, Ms. Atlas, Mrs. DeBlasi, Mrs. Nicolazzi, Librarian III, Miss Scharf, Administrative Assistant, and Ms. Giordano of Bond, Schoeneck & King, were present. Mr. Horowitz, Library Director, was absent with notice.

Nine guests arrived for the start of the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

At 6:01 p.m. Dana F., Robert Moses Middle School librarian, shared sentiments with the Board of Trustees regarding benefits of the online Sora program and frustration that it was discontinued for the North Babylon School District in January 2025.

At 6:03 p.m. Christine L., community member, shared sentiments with the Board of Trustees regarding personal life experience, gratitude for the new Reference area computers, and frustration with certain security practices in the Library.

On a motion by Mr. Hester, seconded by Ms. Atlas, it was unanimously agreed to adopt the minutes of the October 21, 2025 Board Meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Hester, seconded by Mrs. Ziegler, it was unanimously agreed to accept the Cultural Programming Fund Treasurer's Report for October.

On a motion by Mr. Hester, seconded by Ms. Atlas, it was unanimously agreed to accept the Library Fund Treasurer's Report for October.

On a motion by Mr. Hester, seconded by Mrs. Ziegler, it was unanimously agreed to accept the Financial Report for October.

The Director's Statistical Report for October was noted.

On a motion by Mr. Hester, seconded by Mrs. DeBlasi, it was unanimously agreed to pay the bills on General Ledger Trial Balance No. 912.

On a motion by Ms. Atlas, seconded by Mr. Hester, it was unanimously agreed to approve the Disbursements from the Cultural Programming Fund for the month of November.

On a motion by Mr. Hester, seconded by Mrs. Ziegler, it was unanimously agreed to approve the S.C.L.S. 2026 budget, as presented in Exhibit A.

The vote for the S.C.L.S. Board candidate who will represent the Town of Babylon and Islip for the term 1/7/2026-12/31/2028 was tabled for further review, as presented in Exhibit B.

The proposed Live-brary.com download costs for 2026 were reviewed by the Board of Trustees, as presented in Exhibit C.

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On a motion by Mr. Hester, seconded by Mrs. DeBlasi, it was unanimously agreed to approve the D&S quote to connect ductwork in the ceiling of the I.T. office to the HVAC system for \$2,200, as presented in Exhibit D.

The Director's Report was noted.

At the request of Ms. Hare, Mrs. Nicolazzi read highlights from the Director's Report regarding recent updates and improvements to the Library.

The Department Head Reports were noted.

On a motion by Mr. Hester, seconded by Mrs. DeBlasi, it was unanimously agreed to approve the November Personnel Report.

At 6:34 p.m. Don W., community member, asked how the online Sora program is funded.

At 6:35 p.m. Christine L., community member, shared additional sentiments with the Board of Trustees regarding positive feedback for the recent updates to the Library, further personal life experience, the significance of libraries as a public service, and the importance of early reading intervention for children and students.

On a motion by Mr. Hester, seconded by Mrs. Ziegler, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn to executive session at 6:38 p.m. to discuss matters relating to personnel.

At the Board of Trustees' request, Mrs. Nicolazzi and Miss Scharf exited the executive session at 7:00 p.m.

At the Board of Trustees' request, Mrs. Nicolazzi and Miss Scharf re-entered the executive session at 8:02 p.m.

On a motion by Mrs. DeBlasi, seconded by Mr. Hester, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn from executive session at 8:03 p.m. and resume the regular business of the meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on December 16, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Library.

On a motion by Ms. Atlas, seconded by Mrs. DeBlasi, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Laurie Atlas
Secretary