

DRAFT MINUTES
NORTH BABYLON PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEE PUBLIC MEETING
May 19, 2026 @ 6:00PM

ATTENDEES: Tory Hare, Board of Trustee President
Ira Hester, Board of Trustee Vice President
Laurie Atlas, Board of Trustee Secretary
Theresa DeBlasi, Board of Trustee Assistant Secretary
Patricia Ziegler, Financial Trustee
Maureen Nicolazzi, Librarian III
Lisa Martin, Administrative Assistant

Additional
Attendees: Three Guests

ABSENTEES: None

CALL TO ORDER: At 6:00PM, Ms. Hare, Board of Trustee President, called the meeting to order.

REMARKS FROM GUESTS: None

DRAFT MINUTES FROM APRIL 21, 2026 BOARD MEETING AND APRIL 28, 2026 SPECIAL MEETING:

It was moved by Mr. Hester, seconded by Ms. Ziegler to approve the prior meeting minutes from April 21, 2026 and April 28, 2026.

Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF THE TREASURERS' APRIL 2026 REPORTS TO INCLUDE

A) CULTURAL PROGRAMMING FUND

B) LIBRARY FUND

It was moved by Mr. Hester, seconded by Ms. Atlas to approve the April 2026 Cultural Programming Fund and the April 2026 Library Fund.

Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF THE APRIL 2026 FINANCIAL REPORTS:

It was moved by Mr. Hester, seconded by Ms. Atlas to approve the April 2026 Financial Reports.

Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF THE DIRECTORS APRIL 2026 STATISTICAL REPORT:

Noted.

APPROVAL OF BILLS – AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENT NO. 918 FOR APRIL 2026:

Mr. Hester questioned the price and frequency of the Newsday and The New York Times subscriptions, Ms. Nicolazzi advised it is based on our monthly subscription as an institution and we do indeed have patrons who come to read both.

It was moved by Ms. DeBlasi, seconded by Ms. Ziegler to approve the April 2026 Authorization of Payment No. 918.

Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

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APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS FOR MAY 2026 CULTURAL PROGRAMMING FUND:

It was moved by Mr. Hester and seconded by Ms. Atlas to approve the May 2026 Cultural Programming Fund Disbursements.

Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATION:

Ms. Nicolazzi informed the Board and patrons she requested free backpacks for bird viewing from the NYSDEC. Mr. Hester complimented the organization of info presented to the Board.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE TAX PAYMENTS FROM THE NBSD BOE FOR THE 2026-27 FISCAL YEAR (exhibit A)

- It was moved by Mr. Hester, seconded by Ms. Ziegler to accept the tax payment schedule from the North Babylon School District Board of Education for the 2026-27 Fiscal Year.

Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE REAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS (exhibit B)

- It was moved by Ms. DeBlasi, seconded by Mr. Hester to move \$24,050.00 from the General Fund to the Cultural Programming Fund to cover the invoices to SCLS for Aquarium & Adventureland Tickets.

Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- **Ms. Hare requested Ms. Nicolazzi share some details of the Director's Report. New Museum Tickets are coming! Tai Chi is coming! Canvas letters went out for our New Library Director. We are attending the North Babylon Lions Club Street Fair with more community-based programs to come. The Seed Library has been super successful. Summer Reading planning is well under way.**
 - Ms. Hare shared a message received for a Job Well Done at the new transformations at the Library.
 - Ms. DeBlasi questioned if we can shop around for a competitively priced locksmith.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

- **No questions**

PERSONNEL REPORT

- It was moved by Ms. Atlas, seconded by Mr. Hester to approve the May Personnel Report.
Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

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REMARKS FROM GUESTS:

- Guest 3 questioned the Board on how they plan to choose the right Library Director and if they plan to incorporate the community and staff in the process.
- Guest 3 suggested there be an opportunity for minors to attend the library without adult supervision and permission slip from a guardian.
- Guest 3 also suggested an email address vs. the suggestion box

FUTURE MEETING DATES ADOPTED:

- **Tuesday, June 16, 2026 @ 6PM**
- **Tuesday, July 21, 2026 @ 6PM Board Meeting and Reorganization Meeting**
- **Tuesday, August 18, 2026 @ 6PM Board Meeting**

Motion to move to Executive Session by Ms. DeBlasi, seconded by Mr. Hester to discuss personnel matters in regards to the employment history of a particular person or persons @ 6:25PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- At 6:54PM, Mrs. Nicolazzi and Ms. Martin exited the Executive Session.
- At 7:29PM, Mrs. Nicolazzi and Ms. Martin rejoined the Board of Trustees in the Executive Session.
- At 7:33PM, Ms. Atlas moved to exit executive session which was seconded by Mr. Hester and all were in favor.

Adjournment: It was moved by Ms. DeBlasi and seconded by Mr. Hester to adjourn the meeting at 7:34PM.
Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully,

Laurie Atlas

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