

**MINUTES
HAVERSTRAW KING'S DAUGHTERS
PUBLIC LIBRARY
Board of Trustees Meeting
January 13, 2026
7:30 pm**



**HAVERSTRAW
KING'S DAUGHTERS
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Board Members Present

Richard S. Freeman, President
Stephen Cobb
Bonnie Koop
Teriann DiCarlo
Eileen Bookman
Ljiljana Jelic-Cumento

Board Members Absent

Sonia Burgos Crannage

Staff

Claudia Depkin, Director
Lori Salotto, Assistant Director
Victor Contero, Principal Account Clerk
Tommy Russo, Clerk to the Board

Guests

None

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Freeman called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. RECEPTION OF VISITORS

There were no visitors.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Freeman read an email sent to Tara Morris, Head of the Children's Department from Ms. Esther Mendlowitz and Mr. Shraga Zlotnick. Ms. Mendlowitz and Mr. Zlotnick wished to express their gratitude to Ms. Morris and her team for the care they give to their son, Sam. They expressed their appreciation for the environment created by the Children's Department that means their son can 'be present in the community and be safe, comfortable and accepted in the children's room."

V. MINUTES

Mr. Cobb moved to accept the Minutes of the December 9, 2025 Board of Trustees Meeting. Ms. Koop seconded. Vote unanimous.

VI. FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. As of January 13, 2026, 27.6 weeks into the current fiscal year, we are 53% expended.

2. Long Profit & Loss vs. Actual July 1 through November 7, 2025 report. Line 1600 – Books-Adult – Low, with the demise of Baker & Taylor book orders that have been placed are pending. The expenditure of this line reflects that delay. Line 1601 – Books-Children – Low, with the demise of Baker & Taylor book orders that have been placed are pending. The expenditure of this line reflects that delay. Line 1602 – Books-Teens – Low, with the demise of Baker & Taylor book orders that have been placed are pending. The expenditure of this line reflects that delay. Ms. DiCarlo moved to approve the Long Profit & Loss vs. Actual July 1 through January 9, 2026 report. Ms. Jelic-Cumento seconded. Vote unanimous.

3. Checks – December 6, 2025 through January 9, 2026. Ms. DiCarlo moved to accept the Check Warrant – December 6, 2025 through January 9, 2026 in the amount of \$288,376.10 Ms. Bookman seconded. Vote unanimous.

4. Ms. DiCarlo moved to approve the attached list of transfers made from the TD Bank Sweep Account from December 6, 2025 through January 9, 2026. Mr. Cobb seconded. Vote unanimous. Ms. DiCarlo moved to approve three Payroll Warrants with the pay dates of December 10 and December 24, 2025 and January 7, 2026 for payroll periods #12, #13, and #14 of the current fiscal year. Mr. Cobb seconded. Vote unanimous.

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Bookman moved to accept the January 13, 2026 Director's Report. Ms. Jelic-Cumento seconded. Vote unanimous.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Buildings & Grounds** – Nothing at this time.

2. **Budget** – Nothing at this time.

3. **Personnel** – Mr. Cobb moved to appoint Tara Morris to the position of Librarian III (Children's Services). Ms. Bookman seconded. Vote unanimous. Mr. Cobb moved to appoint Diana Wendell to the position of Librarian II. Ms. Koop seconded. Vote unanimous.

4. **Policy** – Ms. Bookman moved to appoint Stephen Cobb as Chair of the Policy Committee. Ms. Jelic-Cumento seconded. Vote unanimous.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

X. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Cobb presented a collection of vintage postcards of Haverstraw that was donated to the Town of Haverstraw by Herb and Carol Tieman. This collection was subsequently given to Mr. Cobb by Alex Guarino, Assistant to the Town Supervisor, to be donated to the library for display in our Local History Room.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Bookman moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm. Ms. DiCarlo seconded. Vote unanimous.

The next regular scheduled meeting is Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 7:30 pm in the Board Room at the Main Library.

Submitted by: Tommy Russo, Clerk to the Board
February 6, 2026