

**MINUTES
HAVERSTRAW KING'S DAUGHTERS
PUBLIC LIBRARY
Board of Trustees Meeting
February 10, 2026
7:30 pm**



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KING'S DAUGHTERS
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Board Members Present

Richard S. Freeman, President
Stephen Cobb
Bonnie Koop
Sonia Burgos Crannage
Teriann DiCarlo

Board Members Absent

Eileen Bookman
Ljiljana Jelic-Cumento

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 Tim Tetreault, one of the library's Adult Reference and Local History librarians, from Mr. Gerardo Pina. Mr. Pina wished to express his thanks for Tim's presentation for the History of Western Art, Part 1 program that took place at the library on Wednesday, February 4, 2026. Calling the presentation a "real tour de force", Mr. Pina stated, "Your combination of information and anecdotes was very effective; it made everything much more entertaining."

V. MINUTES

Mr. Cobb moved to accept the Minutes of the January 13, 2026 Board of Trustees Meeting. Ms. DiCarlo seconded. Vote unanimous.

VI. FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. As of February 10, 2026 we are 61% expended.

2. Long Profit & Loss vs. Actual July 1 through February 6, 2026 report. Line 22 – Passport Fees – Good. Line 1706 – Sewer Tax – Paid in January, complete for the year. Line 1716 – Repair & Maintenance-Village – High due to boiler issues. Ms. DiCarlo moved to approve the Long Profit & Loss vs. Actual July 1 through February 6, 2026 report. Ms. Koop seconded. Vote unanimous.

3. Checks – January 10, 2026 through February 6, 2026 – Check #18999 – AAA Cooleration Service, Inc. – Biannual preventive HVAC maintenance service. Check #19054 – Hauser Bros., Inc. – Service call for boiler and water heater in the Main Library. Ms. DiCarlo moved to accept the Check Warrant – January 10, 2026 through February 6, 2026 in the amount of \$125,205.83. Ms. Crannage seconded. Vote unanimous.

4. Ms. DiCarlo moved to approve the attached list of transfers made from the TD Bank Sweep Account from January 10 through February 6, 2026. Mr. Cobb seconded. Vote unanimous. Ms. DiCarlo moved to approve two Payroll Warrants with the pay dates of January 21 and February 4, 2026 for payroll periods #15 and #16 of the current fiscal year. Ms. Crannage seconded. Vote unanimous.

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Depkin wished to add that the RCLS is holding a town hall meeting at Valley Cottage Library on Thursday, May 28, 2026 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Mr. Cobb moved to accept the February 10, 2026 Director's Report. Ms. Crannage seconded. Vote unanimous.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Budget – Ms. DiCarlo moved for a Tax Cap Resolution

Whereas, the adoption of the 2026-2027 budget for the Haverstraw King's Daughters Public Library may require a tax levy increase that exceeds the tax cap imposed by state law as outlined in General Municipal Law Section 3-c adopted in 2011; and

Whereas, General Municipal Law Section 3-c expressly permits the library board to override the tax levy limit by a resolution approved by a vote of sixty percent of qualified board members; now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Haverstraw King's Daughters Public Library voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for 2026-2027 by at least the sixty percent of the Board of Trustees as required by state law on February 10, 2026. Ms. Koop seconded. Vote unanimous.

Ms. DiCarlo moved to set the annual Budget Vote and Trustee Election for June 4, 2026 from 10 AM to 9 PM at both library locations. Ms. Crannage seconded. Vote unanimous.

Ms. DiCarlo moved to set the Budget Public Information Sessions for May 11, 2026 at 7 PM in the Village Branch and May 12, 2026 at 7 PM at the Main Library. Mr. Cobb seconded. Vote unanimous.

2. Buildings & Grounds – Ms. DiCarlo moved to close the Library on Saturday, September 5, 2026 for Labor Day Weekend. Mr. Cobb seconded. Vote unanimous.

3. Personnel – Nothing at this time.

4. Policy – Nothing at this time.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

X. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Crannage moved to enter into an Executive Session at 8:11 pm to discuss a pending contract negotiation. Mr. Cobb seconded. Vote unanimous. Mr. Cobb moved to exit the Executive Session at 8:35 pm. Ms. DiCarlo seconded. Vote unanimous.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. DiCarlo moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 pm. Ms. Crannage seconded. Vote unanimous.

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

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