

Commack Public Library Board of Trustees
Minutes
February 19, 2026

Present: Ms. Albano, Mr. Elvezio, Mr. Gonzalez, Mrs. Handler, Mr. Holtzer, Ms. Kugler-Bode

Absent: Mrs. Zafonte with prior excuse

Guest: Kevin Verbese

Mr. Elvezio called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Gonzalez moved that the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 19, 2026 be approved as presented. Ms. Kugler-Bode seconded. Carried unanimously.

Ms. Kugler-Bode moved that the Board enter into executive session at 7:34 p.m. to discuss Collective Bargaining negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Services Law (the Taylor Law). Mr. Holtzer seconded. Carried unanimously.

Ms. Kugler-Bode moved that the Board re-enter into regular session at 8:44 p.m. Mr. Holtzer seconded. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Gonzalez moved that the Financial Report be accepted as presented. Mr. Holtzer seconded. Carried unanimously.

Ms. Kugler-Bode moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. Mr. Gonzalez seconded. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Gonzalez moved that the schedule of bills in the sums of \$159,014.93 and \$10,775.29 be paid as presented. Mr. Holtzer seconded. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Gonzalez moved that the Administrator's Report be approved as presented. Ms. Kugler-Bode seconded. Carried unanimously.

Ms. Kugler-Bode moved the following additional bills be paid as presented:

Accounts Payable \$157,927.71
Accounts Payable ACH \$1,087.22
Payroll #1 \$72,388.61
Payroll #2 \$72,552.03
Payroll #3 \$88,214.96
Employee Benefits \$75,847.59
Supplemental \$10,775.29

Mr. Gonzalez seconded. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Holtzer moved that Laurel Scalera and Panagiota Vasilopoulous be authorized to attend the ServeSafe Food Safety all day course at SCLS on Friday, April 3, 2026 at a cost not to exceed \$160.00 per person plus mileage. Ms. Kugler-Bode seconded. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Holtzer moved that Joanne Piombino-Browning be authorized to attend the Children's Librarians Association Annual Meeting and Dinner on Thursday, April 23, 2026 in Stonybrook, N.Y. at a cost not to exceed \$85.00 plus mileage. Ms. Kugler-Bode seconded. Carried unanimously.

Ms. Kugler-Bode moved that Joanne Albano, Michelle Rorke, Laurel Scalera, Joanne Piombino-Browning, Michelle LaPinta and Jennifer Handler be authorized to attend the Long Island Library Conference in Melville, N.Y. on May 14, 2026 at a cost not to exceed \$110.00(non-

member) and \$85.00(member) each plus mileage. Mr. Gonzalez seconded. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Gonzalez moved that the resignation of Jay Giuffrida, Full Time Librarian I be accepted effective April 18, 2026. Mr. Holtzer seconded. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Gonzalez moved that the proposed budget for 2026-2027 be amended to the sum of \$4,775,531 and be adopted. Ms. Kugler-Bode seconded. Motion carried with 3 votes in favor and 1 abstention.

Mr. Gonzalez moved the following inoperable or obsolete equipment be disposed of properly:

Printer:

Epson WF Pro WF-3733

S/N: x5cm095287

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Ms. Kugler-Bode seconded. Carried unanimously.

The date and time of the next regular meeting is Monday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m.

The date and time of the next special meeting – Budget Information Meeting on Tuesday, March 31 at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Gonzalez moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m. Ms. Kugler-Bode seconded. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Handler