

**DEER PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**
Wednesday, March 26, 2025, 7:00pm

MINUTES

Present: Justin Belkin, President
John Gagliano, Vice President
Mike Gonzalez, Secretary
Anne Cognato, Trustee (departed 8:03pm)

Michael Buono, Library Director
Susan Zapata, Business Manager

Tom Volz, Esq., Volz & Vigliotta, PLLC

Bob Liquorie, Patron
Barbara Liquorie, Patron

Excused: Susan Gaskin, Trustee

CALL TO ORDER

Justin Belkin called the meeting to order at 7:04pm, and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC
EXPRESSION**

Bob and Barbara Liquorie inquired about the status of the lot adjacent to the library, as well as grant funding. Mrs. Liquorie commented on the popularity of library programs.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

Upon a motion by John Gagliano, seconded by Anne Cognato, the Board entered Executive Session at 7:14pm to discuss ongoing union negotiations.

Upon a motion by John Gagliano, seconded by Mike Gonzalez, the Board exited Executive Session at 8:52pm.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Upon a motion by John Gagliano, seconded by Mike Gonzalez, the Board approved the minutes of the meeting of February 26, 2025.

**FINANCIAL
MATTERS**

Upon a motion by Mike Gonzalez, seconded by John Gagliano, the Board approved the current bills and Treasurer's Report.

Upon a motion by John Gagliano, seconded by Mike Gonzalez, the Board approved a resolution creating a new ACH-only account with First National Bank of Long Island for Vega and Square transactions.

Upon a motion by Mike Gonzalez, seconded by John Gagliano, the Board approved adding to the agenda consideration of a resolution approving Maria Antonelli (Treasurer), Justin Belkin (President) and John Gagliano (Vice President) as signers on all Deer Park Public Library First National Bank of Long Island accounts.

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Upon a motion by Mike Gonzalez, seconded by John Gagliano, the Board approved annual statistics as presented in the New York State report.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

Upon a motion by John Gagliano, seconded by Mike Gonzalez, the Board approved a Personnel Report.

DIRECTOR AND BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

The Director discussed an upcoming meeting with BBS Architects on March 31, 2025.

OTHER BUSINESS

Department library usage statistics were presented.

The Board discussed spending related to the Children's Department.

The Business Manager discussed a NYS Unemployment Insurance refund of \$5,697.23.

The Business Manager discussed the use of Deer Park library emails.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Board agreed to Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 7pm for the next monthly Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by John Gagliano, seconded by Mike Gonzalez, the meeting adjourned at 10:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Zapata
Business Manager