

**DEER PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**  
Wednesday, October 22, 2025, 7:00pm

**MINUTES**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Justin Belkin, President  
Anne Cognato, Secretary  
Mike Gonzalez, Trustee  
Susan Gaskin, Trustee

Michael Buono, Library Director  
Susan Zapata, Business Manager  
Joanne Krapf, Account Clerk

Mike Arbia, Client Success Manager, Custom Computer Specialists

Community Members present for Public Expression:

Driscilla Bond, Kathy Jokubiel, Jerry King, Linda Ponterio, Margie Russo, Lorraine Scanlon, Denise Seabrooks, Kathy Tarzi

**EXCUSED**

John Gagliano, Vice President

**CALL TO ORDER**

Justin Belkin called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon a motion by Anne Cognato, seconded by Susan Gaskin, the Board approved the minutes of the meeting of September 24, 2025.

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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

Upon a motion by Mike Gonzalez, seconded by Anne Cognato, the Board approved closing two dormant ConnectOne bank accounts.

**PERSONNEL MATTERS**

Upon a motion by Anne Cognato, seconded by Susan Gaskin, the Board approved a Personnel Report.

Upon a motion by Anne Cognato, seconded by Mike Gonzalez, the Board approved staff attendance at the annual NYLA conference and Library Advocacy Day.

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Upon a motion by Mike Gonzlaez, seconded by Anne Cognato, the Board passed a Section 75 resolution terminating the employment of Paul Bookman.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon a motion by Mike Gonzalez, seconded by Anne Cognato, the Board entered Executive Session at 9:15pm to discuss a personnel matter and ongoing collective bargaining negotiations.

Upon a motion by Anne Cognato, seconded by Mike Gonzalez, the Board exited Executive Session at 9:35pm.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Board agreed to Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 7:00pm for the next monthly Board meeting.

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Susan Gaskin, seconded by Anne Cognato, the meeting was adjourned at 9:36pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Zapata  
Business Manager