

**DEER PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**
Wednesday, December 17, 2025, 7:00pm

MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE

Justin Belkin, President
John Gagliano, Vice President
Anne Cognato, Secretary
Susan Gaskin, Trustee

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

EXCUSED

Mike Gonzalez, Trustee

CALL TO ORDER

Justin Belkin called the meeting to order at 7:08pm, and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Anne Cognato, seconded by John Gagliano, the Board approved the minutes of the meeting of November 19, 2025.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

The Board tabled the approval of bank signature cards.

Upon a motion by John Gagliano, seconded by Anne Cognato, the Board approved a Suffolk Cooperative Library System proposed operating budget for fiscal year 2026.

Upon a motion by Anne Cognato, seconded by Susan Gaskin, the Board approved a DIA/SDWAN Lightpath Service Order with Suffolk Cooperative Library System for July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2031.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

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

POLICY MATTERS

Upon a motion by Anne Cognato, seconded by John Gagliano, the Board approved an Acceptable Patron Behavior Policy.

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OTHER BUSINESS

The Board cast votes for Babylon and Islip trustee for the Suffolk Cooperative Library System Board.

Incident reports were reviewed and discussed.

Positive feedback regarding a recent bus trip was shared.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion by John Gagliano, seconded by Anne Cognato, the Board entered Executive Session at 8:03pm to discuss ongoing collective bargaining negotiations and the revocation of a patron's library privileges.

Upon a motion by Anne Cognato, seconded by Susan Gaskin, the Board exited Executive Session at 8:42pm.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Board agreed to Wednesday, January 28, 2026 at 7:00pm for the next monthly Board meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Anne Cognato, seconded by Susan Gaskin, the meeting was adjourned at 8:44pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Zapata
Business Manager