

**DEER PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**
Wednesday, February 18, 2026, 7:00pm

MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE

Justin Belkin, President
John Gagliano, Vice President
Mike Gonzalez, Trustee

Michael Buono, Library Director
Joanne Krapf, Account Clerk

EXCUSED

Anne Cognato, Secretary
Susan Gaskin, Trustee
Susan Zapata, Business Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Justin Belkin called the meeting to order at 7:05pm, and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROPOSED 2026-2027 BUDGET

The Director reviewed the budget with the Board, explaining the 3.4% increase is within the tax cap, reflecting a \$12.00 increase to property taxes for the year based on the average value of residential property in Deer Park. Mr. Belkin advised Ms. Gaskin and Ms. Cognato of the proposed budget. Upon a motion by John Gagliano, seconded by Mike Gonzalez, the budget was approved.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of Trustees reviewed a Public Notice, approving same for publication.

OTHER BUSINESS

The upcoming Library Budget Vote and Library Trustee election of April 14, 2026 was discussed. It was noted current Library Board of Trustees Vice President John Gagliano is up for reelection.

The Library Director discussed the purchase of smartboards and laptops.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Board agreed to Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 7:00pm for the next monthly Board meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Mike Gonzalez, seconded by John Gagliano, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Krapf
Account Clerk