

submitted their candidacy for *Office of President*, a vote by *Ballot* was conducted, resulting in Longo having the highest number of votes. Axelrod directed that one vote be cast in favor of Longo for *President*.

- Upon motion made by Axelrod and duly seconded by Perrone, it was:

RESOLVED, *That Nicholas A. Longo, Jr., serve as President of the Board of Trustees.*

The Resolution was passed unanimously. (RM#2-01/2026)

President Longo accepted the nomination.

- Upon motion made by Axelrod and duly seconded by Perrone, it was:

RESOLVED, *That Nicholas A. Longo, Jr., chair the remainder of the meeting.*

The Resolution was passed unanimously. (RM#3-01/2026)

Office of Vice-President: President Longo inquired if there were any nominations from the floor for the *Office of Vice-President*. None were noted. Since there were no nominations, President Longo directed that one vote be cast in favor of Perrone for *Vice-President*.

- Upon motion made by Reda and duly seconded by Axelrod, it was:

RESOLVED, *That Roxanne T. Perrone serve as Vice-President of the Board of Trustees.*

The Resolution was passed unanimously. (RM#4-01/2026)

Office of Treasurer: President Longo inquired if there were any nominations from the floor for the *Office of Treasurer*. None were noted. Since there were no nominations, President Longo directed that one vote be cast in favor of Axelrod for *Treasurer*.

- Upon motion made by Longo and duly seconded by Reda, it was:

RESOLVED, *That Robert Axelrod serve as Treasurer of the Board of Trustees.*
The Resolution was passed unanimously. (RM#5-01/2026)

Office of Secretary: President Longo inquired if there were any nominations from the floor for the *Office of Secretary*. None were noted. Since there were no nominations, President Longo directed that one vote be cast in favor of Ciardullo for *Secretary*.

- Upon motion made by Axelrod and duly seconded by Perrone, it was:

RESOLVED, *That Joseph Ciardullo serve as Secretary of the Board of Trustees.*

The Resolution was passed unanimously. (RM#6-01/2026)

President Longo congratulated the Officers.

d. Appointment of Committee Chairman (President Longo):

President Longo appointed the following Committee Chairs:

- Sasson: *Building and Grounds Committee*
- Ranieri: *Legal Affairs Committee*
- Axelrod: *Personnel and Finance Committee*
- Perrone: *Policy and Planning Committee*

President Longo appointed the following Ad hoc Committee Chair:

- Axelrod: *Bylaws Committee*
- Reda: *Election Committee*

President Longo appointed the *Trustees* to serve on the following *Committees*:

- *Building and Grounds Committee*:
 - Sasson (Chair)
 - Ciardullo
 - Ferguson
 - Perrone
- *Legal Affairs Committee*:
 - Ranieri (Chair)
 - Reda

- Personnel and Finance Committee:
 - Axelrod (Chair)
 - Perrone
 - Reda

- Policy and Planning Committee:
 - Perrone (Chair)
 - Ferguson
 - Rader
 - Ranieri

- Ad hoc: Bylaws Committee:
 - Axelrod (Chair)
 - Ciardullo
 - Ranieri

- Ad hoc: Election Committee:
 - Reda (Chair)
 - Axelrod
 - Rader

II. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Past-Secretary Ferguson presented to the Board for acceptance the proposed minutes of the previous month's meeting. New Secretary Ciardullo will present the minutes going forward.

- Upon motion made by Ferguson and duly seconded by Perrone, it was:

RESOLVED, That the Board accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of December 18, 2025.

The Resolution was passed unanimously. (RM#7-01/2026)

III. REPORTS

a. Personnel and Finance Committee (Axelrod, Chair):

i. Financial Report and Warrant:

Treasurer Axelrod reported that the Library's operating expenditures were \$537,297 and the capital expenditures were \$0.

Axelrod presented to the Board for approval last month's *Warrant*.

- Upon motion made by Axelrod and duly seconded by Sasson, it was:

RESOLVED, *That the Board approve Warrant #6 in the amount of \$537,297.*

The Resolution was passed unanimously. (RM#8-1/2026)

ii. Bank Signatories:

- Upon motion made by Axelrod and duly seconded by Ciardullo, it was:

RESOLVED, *That the Board remove past-President Patricia Voce as an authorized signatory from Chase Bank and PCSB Bank accounts and add President Nicholas A. Longo, Jr., and Vice-President Roxanne T. Perrone as authorized signatories on Chase Bank and PCSB Bank accounts.*

The Resolution was passed unanimously. (RM#9-1/2026)

b. Building and Grounds Committee (Sasson, Chair):

Sasson reported that the *Committee* met earlier in the week via videoconference with Architect Consultant Donald Mac Donald and *OLA Consulting Engineers* to discuss the following current projects:

Switchgear and Generator: *Orange & Rockland* has determined that a dedicated gas line will need to be installed for the generator. *Request for Proposals (RFPs)* will be sent out once the drawings are complete. It was also discussed that the existing solar panels will need to be wired to the new switchgear. It's anticipated that the timeline will be approximately 18 months until completion of the projects.

Window Project: Since the *Switchgear* and *Generator Projects* will take longer than initially expected, the *Window Project* will be expedited.

c. Policy and Planning Committee (Perrone, Chair):

Past-Chairman Longo had nothing to report. New Chairman Perrone will offer reports going forward.

d. Legal Affairs Committee (Ranieri, Chair):

Ranieri had nothing to report.

e. President's Report (Longo):

President Longo had nothing to report; however, he thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as *President* and is looking forward to continuing to work together to create a welcoming and special Library for the community to visit and enjoy.

f. Director (Gallagher):

Director Gallagher referred to her written report and reported on the following:

Annual Staff Meeting: The *Annual Staff Meeting* will be held on January 23 with a snow date established on January 30.

New York State Annual Report: The Supervisors are beginning to prepare their Department's statistics for the *New York State Annual Report*, which is due in February. In the past, reporting was done utilizing software by *Baker & Taylor*, a book distribution company, which has recently closed its doors; thus, a new reporting system has yet to be determined by NYS.

New Website: The kick-off meeting for the new website will be tomorrow, January 16.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Open Items:

None.

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. Appointment of Attorney (Longo):

President Berger proposed that the Board re-appoint *Feerick Nugent MacCartney, PLLC*, as the official *Counsel* of the Library.

- Upon motion made by Ranieri and duly seconded by Axelrod, it was:

RESOLVED, *that the Board appoint Feerick Nugent MacCartney, PLLC, as the official Counsel of the New City Library.*

The Resolution was passed unanimously. (RM#10-01/2026)

b. Appointment of Auditors (Longo):

President Longo proposed that the Board re-appoint the auditing firm of *V. John Associates* as the official *Auditors* of the Library.

- Upon motion made by Axelrod and duly seconded by Ferguson, it was:

RESOLVED, *That the Board appoint V. John Associates as the official Auditors of the New City Library.*

The Resolution was passed unanimously. (RM#11-01/2026)

c. Board FY2026 Meeting Schedule (Longo):

President Longo reported that the May 21 Board meeting falls on a Jewish holiday; thus, the May meeting will take place the following week on May 28.

d. Board Communications (Ciardullo):

Past-Secretary Ferguson had nothing to report. New Secretary Ciardullo will offer reports going forward.

e. Trustee Training Opportunity:

Ferguson reported that he will be attending “The Librarians” film screening on January 31 at the *Valley Cottage Library*, which qualifies for trustee training and encouraged the Board members to register for the event.

f. Traveling Science Program:

Sasson suggested that the Library conduct a program featuring a portable planetarium as part of the state-of-the-art traveling science program offered by *The Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum*, located in Poughkeepsie, New York.

g. 2025 Trustee Training/Staff Training (Corrado):

Corrado reported that all of the trustees have met their *2025 New York State Trustee Training* requirements. Corrado reminded the trustees that each trustee must complete two hours of mandatory trustee training annually.

In addition, the trustees and staff must complete the mandated *New York State Sexual Harassment Prevention Training* annually, which all trustees and staff also completed in 2025.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments were received.

President Longo thanked the public for their comments.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- Upon motion made by Ferguson and duly seconded by Rader, it was:

RESOLVED, *that the Board adjourn the meeting.*

The Resolution was passed by all those present (Axelrod, absent, due to his early departure at 7:56 p.m.). (RM#12-01/2026)

Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Submitted by Joseph Ciardullo, Secretary
Board of Trustees
NEW CITY LIBRARY
January 23, 2026

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