

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

RESOLVED, *That the Board enter into an Executive Session to discuss a legal matter.*

The Resolution was passed by all those present (Rader, absent). (RM#2-02/2026)

The Board entered into an *Executive Session* at 7:07 p.m.

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

RESOLVED, *That the Board exit an Executive Session and resume the Regular Meeting.*

The Resolution was passed by all those present (Rader, absent). (RM#3-02/2026)

The Board resumed the *Regular Meeting* at 8:33 p.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments were received.

President Longo and Director Gallagher thanked the patron for his comments.

III. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Secretary Ciardullo presented to the Board for acceptance the proposed minutes of the previous month's meeting.

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

RESOLVED, *That the Board accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of January 15, 2026.*

The Resolution was passed by all those present (Rader, absent). (RM#4-02/2026)

IV. REPORTS

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

i. Financial Report and Warrant:

Treasurer Axelrod reported that the Library's operating expenditures were \$412,075 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 #7 in the amount of \$412,075.*

The Resolution was passed by all those present (Rader, absent). (RM#5-02/2026)

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

Sasson reported that the *Committee* met on January 23 to discuss the following projects:

Switchgear and Generator: The project is anticipated to take longer than expected due to lead times in production.

Window Project: Architect Consultant Donald Mac Donald is preparing a *Request for Proposal (RFP)* for the windows. Director Gallagher reported that Mac Donald was on site earlier in the day taking measurements of the sills.

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

Perrone had nothing to report.

d. Legal Affairs Committee (Ranieri, Chair):

Ranieri had nothing further to report since the Board discussed legal affairs in an *Executive Session* earlier in the meeting.

e. Ad Hoc Committees:

a. Election Committee Report (Reda, Chair):

Reda reported that the *Election Committee* will arrange to meet to review the trustee election procedures for the next election.

b. Bylaws Committee Report (Axelrod, Chair):

Axelrod reported that the *Bylaws Committee* will arrange to meet to review the *Bylaws*. New York State requires a review and re-approval of the *Bylaws* be conducted at least once every five years. The last review of the Library's *Bylaws* was in 2019.

f. President's Report (Longo):

President Longo had nothing to report; however, as the newly-appointed President, Longo recently met with Director Gallagher, who briefed Longo on the behind-the-scenes procedures of operating the Library. President Longo offered his gratitude to Director Gallagher for her efforts leading the Library and staff.

g. Director's Report (Gallagher):

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

New York State Annual Report: Reporting for the *New York State Annual Report* is currently on hold until a new reporting system is determined by New York State.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Trustee Training (Ferguson):

Ferguson reported that he and other Board members attended a film screening at *Valley Cottage Library* on January 31, earning two hours of trustee training credit.

b. New York Library Association Advocacy Day (Ferguson):

Ferguson reported that he participated in *NYLA's Advocacy Day* on February 3 in Albany, New York, along with close to 750 other library advocates. *Advocacy Day* brings together library staff, trustees, and supporters to lobby state legislators for increased funding and improved policies for New York's libraries.

c. Ramapo Catskill Library System Plan of Service (Ferguson):

Ferguson reported that the *Ramapo Catskill Library System (RCLS)* will be presenting its *2027-2031 Plan of Service* at a Town Hall meeting for library staff and trustees at *Valley Cottage Library* on May 28. Ferguson encouraged the trustees to attend in order to learn more about *RCLS'* operating procedures and mission.

d. Board Communications (Ciardullo):

Ciardullo had nothing to report.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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

RESOLVED, *that the Board adjourn the meeting.*

The Resolution was passed by all those present (Rader, absent). (RM#6-02/2026)

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.