

Newark Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

2026

Date: May 14, 2026

Board Members in Attendance: Joey Nicosia, Keeley Kuperus, Deb Barry, Chris Mizro

Board Member(s) Excused: Becky Hauf, Sue Oberdorf, Andrea Windus

Board Member late / left early (time): N/A

In Attendance: Tanya Taylor, Leone Cole, Sue W, Nancy Auten

Absent: Bob Bendix (Village liaison), Kim Nevlezer

Call to Public Budget Hearing 6:00pm

- Meet the Candidate: Leone Cole
- Overview of 2026-2027 Fiscal Budget
- Open Forum

MOTION 62 Keeley Kuperus moved to adjourn the public budget hearing. Chris Mizro seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Closed Public Budget Hearing 6:38pm

Call to Order by Joey Nicosia at 6:09pm

- **Public Comment:** N/A
- **Minutes from prior meeting**
 - **MOTION 56** Deb Barry moved to approve the April 9, 2026 board minutes. Chris Mizro seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Financial Reports:

- Treasurer's Report
- Approval of transfers
 - **MOTION 57** Keeley Kuperus moved to approve the two separate \$20K transfers from savings to checking to cover disbursements. Chris Mizro seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- Approval of check detail & amount
 - **MOTION 58** Keeley Kuperus moved to approve the check detail in the amount of \$19,238.69. Chris Mizro seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- Approval of budget
 - The budget closes out shortly, Tanya is meeting with Kim to complete the balancing.

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- o **MOTION 59** Chris Mizro moved to approve the budget report. Deb Barry seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Staff Reports:

- Director's Report and Youth & Adult Reports
 - o Construction aid update: It was brought to Tanya's attention that there is a remaining balance of approximately \$3K in spending required by the NPL to complete the construction grant. Tanya discussed her idea of using the funds set aside for computer purchases, supplied by Assembly aid, to set up additional cameras around the building to complete this required spending.
 - o Food pantry update: The time and attention required is becoming overwhelming for NPL staff. Tanya is going to connect with the Friends to see what support they can provide.

Committee Reports: N/A

Old Business:

- **MOTION 60** Deb Barry moved to appoint Nancy Auten as Treasurer. Chris Mizro seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- The Newark Public Library Board of Trustees hereby resolve to appoint Nancy Auten as Treasurer on May 14, 2026.

New Business:

New York State Minimum Standards for Public and Association Libraries:

- **MOTION 61** Keeley Kuperus moves that the Newark Library Board of Trustees affirms that the library is in full compliance with the New York State Minimum Standards for Public and Association Libraries as outlined in Commissioner's Regulation §90.2, and further directs Tanya Taylor email the Executive Director of the OWWL Library System a link to the board meeting minutes once they are posted to the library's website, within two weeks of the meeting, in accordance with the New York State Open Meetings Law. Chris Mizro seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Acknowledging resignation of Lex Pritchard as of May 13th:

- **MOTION 63** Chris Mizro moved to acknowledge the resignation of Lex Pritchard as of May 13th. Keeley Kuperus seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Repurposing assembly aid for construction aid:

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- **MOTION 64** Deb Barry moved to approve the repurposing of the assembly aid expense account funding to complete the construction aid spending. Keeley Kuperus seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Amendment to Program Assistant job description

- **MOTION 65** Keeley Kuperus moved to approve the amended Program Assistant job description. Chris Mizro seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Amendment to Tutor Policy

- **MOTION 66** Chris Mizro moved to approve the amended Tutor Policy. Keeley Kuperus seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Amendment to Meeting Room Policy

- **MOTION 67** Deb Barry moved to approve the amended Meeting Room Policy. Chris Mizro seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Cash Handling Policy – Employee Handbook

- **MOTION 68** Keeley Kuperus moved to approve the amended Cash Handling Policy – Employee Handbook. Chris Mizro seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

MOTION 69 Keeley Kuperus moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 pm. Deb Barry seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 11, 2026, at 6pm.

Submitted by Keeley Kuperus

RESOLUTION: The Newark Public Library Board of Trustees hereby resolve to appoint Nancy Auten as Treasurer on May 14, 2026.

Signed _____