

APPROVED MINUTES
HEMPSTEAD PUBLIC LIBRARY
LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

January 21, 2026

The regular meeting of the Hempstead Public Library Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. with Trustee Reine Bethany presiding.

Present were: Reine Bethany
 Maribel Toure
 M. R. Jordan
 Trudy King
 William R. Whitaker II, Trustee Village Liaison
 Irene A. Duszkievicz

Absent with notice: Tanya Carter

Reine Bethany led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Maribel Toure, seconded by Reine Bethany, approved the minutes of the December 17, 2025, Library Board Meeting.

AYES 2 (Reine Bethany and Maribel Toure)

NO 1 (M. R. Jordan)

ABSTAIN 1 (Trudy King)

Correspondence was read from two patrons complimenting library services.

Moved by Maribel Toure, seconded by Reine Bethany, to accept the Financial Report dated June 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025.

AYES 2 (Reine Bethany and Maribel Toure)

NO 2 (M. R. Jordan and Trudy King)

The Director’s report dated January 21, 2026 was sent to Library Board members on January 16, 2026 and was reviewed.

Moved by Trudy King, seconded by Reine Bethany, authorized disposal of the following equipment.

- OPTIPLEX 990 S/N:B4HTTV1 – 2013-2025
- OPTIPLEX 760 S/N:1ZKTNL1 – 2010-2025

AYES 4 (Reine Bethany, Maribel Toure, M. R. Jordan, and Trudy King)

NO 0

Moved by Maribel Toure, seconded by Reine Bethany, carried authorized the following transfer.

Budget Acct. #	Budget Acct. # Name	Amount of Transfer From	Amount of Transfer To
L7410-446	Books	\$25,000.00	
L7410-401	Equipment Maintenance & Repair		\$25,000.00

AYES 3 (Reine Bethany, Maribel Toure, and Trudy King)

NO 1 (M. R. Jordan)

Moved by Trudy King, seconded by Maribel Toure, carried authorized the following transfers within the library budget.

Budget Acct. #	Budget Acct. # Name	Amount of Transfer From	Amount of Transfer To
L7410-446	Books	\$5,000.00	
L7410-406	Building Equipment Maintenance		\$5,000.00

AYES 3 (Reine Bethany, Maribel Toure, and Trudy King)

NO 1 (M. R. Jordan)

Moved by Maribel Toure, seconded by Trudy King and carried, authorized payment of all bills listed on F-2345 in the amount of \$23,767.96

AYES 3 (Reine Bethany, Maribel Toure, and Trudy King)

NO 1 (M. R. Jordan)

Moved by Maribel Toure, seconded by Trudy King and carried, authorized payment of all bills listed on F-2346 in the amount of \$25,694.12

AYES 3 (Reine Bethany, Maribel Toure, and Trudy King)

NO 1 (M. R. Jordan)

Moved by Maribel Toure, seconded by Trudy King and carried, authorized payment of all bills listed on F-2347 in the amount of \$9,596.39

AYES 3 (Reine Bethany, Maribel Toure, and Trudy King)

NO 1 (M. R. Jordan)

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

The next Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 18, 2026,
at 6:00 p.m.