

## *UNAPPROVED MINUTES*

### HEMPSTEAD PUBLIC LIBRARY LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

March 18, 2026

The regular meeting of the Hempstead Public Library Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Director managed the meeting.

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the February 18, 2026 Library Board meeting were mailed in advance of the meeting.

*Motion by M.R. Jordan, seconded by Trudy King, and carried to table action on the February 18, 2026 minutes until next Library Board meeting on April 15, 2026.*

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

*NO 0*

*Motion carried*

The Financial Report dated June 1, 2025 – February 28, 2026 was emailed to the Board prior to the meeting.

*Moved by Reine Bethany, seconded by Maribel Toure, approved the Financial Report dated June 1, 2025 – February 28, 2026.*

*AYES 2 (Reine Bethany and Maribel Toure)*

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

*Motion failed*

The Director's report dated March 18, 2026 was mailed to the Library Board prior to the Library Board meeting. Director highlighted items on the report and answered questions.

The tentative Village of Hempstead Budget 2026 – 2027 will be released on March 20, 2026. Village of Hempstead Budget 2026 – 2027 is available online on the Village website. The Village Board of Trustees has scheduled a Public Hearing on the Budget on April 13, 2026. Vote on the Budget is scheduled for April 21, 2026 Village Board Meeting.

Next year, the Library Director will propose the library budget 2027 – 2028 and will make it available to the Board in advance of due date.

*Moved by Reine Bethany, seconded by Maribel Toure and carried, authorized payment of all bills listed on schedule #F-2351 in the amount of \$14,041.36*

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

*NO 1 (M. R. Jordan)*

*Moved by Reine Bethany, seconded by Maribel Toure and carried, authorized payment of all bills listed on #F-2352 in the amount of \$14,719.92*

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

*NO 1 (M. R. Jordan)*

*Motion Passed*

*Moved by Reine Bethany, seconded by Maribel Toure and carried, authorized payment of all bills listed on #F-2353 in the amount of \$8,299.23*

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

*NO 1 (M. R. Jordan)*

*Motion Passed*

*Moved by Reine Bethany, seconded by M. R. Jordan, meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.*

The next Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.