

Glen Cove Public Library
Board of Trustees
Unapproved Minutes
April 21, 2026

I. Attendance:

Present: Trustees M. Maher, J. Yee, A. Petrash, N. Ackerman, Treasurer R. Abbondandolo, Director J. Cabo and Librarian III C. Stern

Absent with no notice: R. Leff

Guests: Nabil Azamy, Victoria Christie, Nicole Dehney, Amanda Fisk, Dave Nieri, Bryce A. Mack, Beth Cipriano, Ida Johnson

The meeting was called to order at 6:45pm by Board President M. Maher.

II. Minutes:

- The minutes of the regular Board meeting of March 17, 2026, were read. Motion to accept the minutes was made by N Ackerman. Seconded by J Yee. All in favor accepting meeting minutes.

III. Bills:

Review and Approval of April Warrant April 21, 2026, from March 18, 2026 to April 21, 2026

- Warrant items discussed: snow removal day(s), lawn maintenance cleanup (not full-year), and Swank movie license for community room programming.
- The warrant for April 2026 covering March 18, 2026 to April 20, 2026 for total transaction \$111,656.61 was presented for approval. Motion to approve the April warrant was made by N. Ackerman. Seconded by J. Yee. All in favor.
- Conclusion: Warrants approved; no objections recorded.
- Treasurer's Report for March 2026
 - Opening cash balance: \$2,051,905.33
 - Cash receipts: \$1,062,791.14
 - Disbursements: \$248,604.07
 - Ending cash: \$2,868,514.35
 - Real estate taxes provided a large portion of income; still short ~\$300,000 in revenue but expected to meet property tax targets.
 - Expenses remaining for year: 23.35% with three months left, tracking ~8% per month.
 - Over-budget notes: NYS retirement as assessed; museum passes overage offset by ~\$3,000 collected from Friends of the Library.
 - Conclusion: Treasurer's report accepted for March 1, 2026 to March 31, 2026 was presented for approval. Motion to approve A. Petrash. Seconded by N. Ackerman. All in favor.
- Profit and Loss (P&L) Comparative Overview

- Income comparable year-over-year: \$2.930 vs. \$2.970 (units implied as millions).
- Expenses up by ~75,000; retirement up ~29,000; payroll increased; limited control over retirement assessments.
- No motion required; informational only.
- Conclusion: P&L reviewed; no action taken.

IV. Director’s Report & 2026 Election Logistics

- 2026–2027 budget vote and trustee election: nomination petitions available; due by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5, 2026
- First legal ad published in the April 16, 2026 in Glen Cove Herald paper.
- Election will be in the community room; large lockable ballot box purchased; Glen Cove School District lending privacy booths for election.
- Information to be posted online by end of week 4/21.
- Budget hearing and meet-the-candidates at next board meeting: May 19, 2026 at 6:45p.m.
- Budget vote and trustee election reminder: June 2, 2026.
- Personnel—Retirement Contribution Discrepancy on Lydia Wen
 - NYS & Local Retirement System identified a discrepancy in Lydia’s contributions (period June ’21–Sept ’24).
 - Contributions were set incorrectly under previous director (should have been 4.5%).
 - Amount includes interest through April 30, ’26; library responsible for reimbursing Lydia Wen
- Friends of the Library donated \$3,000 going to museum passes
- Trustee Nominations Update
 - Two petitions picked up by Beth Cipriano and Dave Nieri
 - Richard Leff’s seat is up; petitions do not ensure candidacy yet.

V. Committee Reports

None

VI. Old Business

None

VII. New Business

- Proposed Budget for 2026
 - Request by J. Yee to add a “change” column and actual (for 2025) to budget presentation for clarity; agreed feasible.
 - Real property taxes kept at same number; expenditures increased (salaries up 2.57% timing/other costs up).
 - Increased use of surplus planned if needed; historically never used surplus.
 - Repairs/maintenance: added 2,000 to building maintenance contracts; no major repairs planned; roof currently without leaks.

- Budget for 2026 approved. Motion to approve N. Ackerman. Seconded by A. Petrash. All in favor.
- Election Inspectors and Board of Registration Resolutions
- Resolution to appoint election inspectors/poll workers: two inspectors to assist Ida; compensation noted as \$325 for the day and \$450 for second inspectors Include translates; combined total inspectors paid \$775. Motion to approve N. Ackerman. Seconded by A. Petrash. All in favor.
- Resolution designating Members of Board of Registration members: Joanna Cabo, Elizabeth Hogan, Ida Johnson and Amy Mondello. Motion to approve N. Ackerman. Seconded by A. Petrash. All in favor.
- Conclusion: Both resolutions approved; no objections.
- Meeting Logistics and Accessibility for Election
 - Plan to use the community room to improve privacy and manage noise; elevator and handicap ramp access highlighted.
- Friends of the Library Updates and Programming
 - Upcoming events: May 8, 2026 Plant Sale, Picnic Planned, Open House in October and Friends of the Library meeting on May 13, 2026
 - Friends membership: about 20–25 members.
 - Movie programming: planning to serve food at movies at 2 p.m. on Friday; J. Yee suggestion to add evening screenings for working patrons.
- Post-COVID programming slowly improving; better movies increasing turnout.
- Cross-Library Collaboration and Bingo Night as per Bryce A. Mack.
 - Some Friends members attending Gold Coast Library bingo night on May 15, 6–8 p.m. (registration required; Not free, Bingo card must be purchased).
 - Exploring collaboration with neighboring libraries (Glen Head, Locust Valley, Oyster Bay).

VIII. Adjournment

7:09 PM

- Next regular meeting: May 19, 2026 agenda includes budget hearing and meet-the-candidates.
- There being no further business to bring before the Board of Trustees, a motion to adjourn was made by J. Yee at 7:05pm. Seconded by N. Ackerman. All in favor.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 6:45pm in the History Room.

Recorded by:

Approved by :

Joanne Yee, Secretary

Joanna Cabo, Director

Approved by :

Board Member