

Glen Cove Public Library
Board of Trustees
Unapproved Minutes
May 19th, 2026

I. Attendance:

Present: Trustees Michael Maher, Richard Leff, Joanne Yee, Antonia Petrash, Neil Ackerman, Treasurer Rocco Abbondandolo, Director Joanna Cabo and Librarian III Carol Stern

Guests: Victoria Christie, Nicole Dehney, Amanda Fisk, Dave Nieri, Bryce A. Mack, Beth Cipriano, Marissa Damiano

The meeting was called to order at 6:48pm by Board President Michael Maher.

II. Minutes:

- The minutes of the regular Board meeting of April 21, 2026, were read. Motion to accept the minutes were made by Neil Ackerman. Seconded by Joanne Yee. All in favor accepting meeting minutes. A motion passed to require two signatures on the minutes, three signatures were deemed.

III. Bills:

Review of May Warrant May 19, 2026, from April 22, 2026 to May 19, 2026

- The warrant for May 19 2026 covering April 22, 2026 to May 19, 2026 for total transaction \$104,256.50 was presented for approval. Motion to approve the May warrant was made by Richard Leff. Seconded by Neil Ackerman. All in favor.
- Conclusion: Warrants approved; no objections recorded.

Treasurer's Report for April 2026

- Opening cash balance: \$2,868,514.35
- Cash receipts: \$241,923.35
- Disbursements: \$238,062.66
- Ending cash: \$2,869,810.62
- For the ten months ended in April, revenue is short by about \$54,000, but real estate taxes and CD interest are still expected.
- Expenses are on target, with 16.2% of the budget remaining for the last two months.
- Profit and Loss (P&L) Comparative Overview
 - Comparative P&L shows income very close to last year; expenses increased due to retirement and medical costs.

IV. Director's Report

- **Baldessari & Coster Auditor Contract renewal:** Motion passed to renew the contract with Baldessari & Coster for fiscal year 2025-2026 audit services at \$10,950, unchanged from last year. Motion to approve was made by Richard Leff. Seconded by Neil Ackerman. All in favor.
- **Budget Vote & Trustee Election/Poll Workers Appointment:** Motion passed to appoint Lori Test and Matilda Zozzaro as poll workers for the budget and trustee election at the Regency Assisting Living facility at a compensation rate of \$75 each. Motion to approve was made by Neil Ackerman. Seconded by Joanne Yee. All in favor.
Remember the date for the Budget Vote and Trustee Election is on Tuesday, June 2, 2026. Polls will be open from 9am to 9pm in the Community Room.
- **Inter Agency Council of Glen Cove:** The June meeting of the Inter Agency Council of Glen Cove will be hosted at the Library's Community room on June 10, 2026 at 9:30am. The Council's mission is to enhance the delivery of human services through collaboration and communication with community agencies and to provide mutual support through sharing and networking.
- **North Shore Reads Event:** This event was held on May 12, 2026 at the Crescent Beach Club in Bayville, NY. There were 200 attendees and 35 from Glen Cove discussed "The Doorman" with author Chris Pavone. All attendees got to meet with the author in person and received one complimentary raffle ticket and the prizes donated by each of the participating libraries. The following eight libraries are: Bayville, Bryant (Roslyn), Glen Cove, Gold Coast, Locust Valley, Manhasset, Oyster Bay and Port Washington.
- **Long Island Library Conference:** Carol Stern, Michael Fitzpatrick and Maria Fernanda Pardo attended on May 14, 2026

V. Committee Reports

Friends of the Library Report by Bryce A. Mack

- **Fundraising:** Recent plant sale raised \$449.
- **Donations:** Friends are donation \$300 for youth services in school supplies.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Upcoming events: Trivia Night: June 9 at 6:45pm
 - Movie Night (The Housemaid): May 27 at 6pm
 - Author Visit (Cookbook): June 20 at 2pm
- **Community Outreach:** Friends will have tables at National Night Out in August and the Glen Cove Street Fair in Sept and the July Fourth kid bike parade. For the July fourth parade, they plan to hand out coloring books and red, white and blue pinwheels for the kids on the 250th Anniversary.

VI. Old Business

None

VII. New Business

- Budget Discussion
 - Clarified there is a reserve account (not a dedicated surplus account) no limit on its size.
 - Budget increased by about \$59,000 balanced by a transfer from surplus, keeping the tax rate the same for the fourth year.
 - Surplus has historically not been used, goal set for next year to review expensed to avoid a surplus transfer.
 - Library has its own separate 2% property tax cap and it's not tied to the school district.
 - Request made by Joanne Yee to add an "actual" column of previous year and add a 2025 and 2026 budget column for the 2026 budget presentation for clarity; agreed feasible for next year 2027.
 - Suggestion to include the prospective budget in the library newsletter, in English and Spanish to reach residents who are not computer savvy.

- Introduction of New Trustee Candidate: David Nieri
 - Retired, lifelong resident of Glen Cove with extensive board experience like Glen Cove Yacht Club and Glen Cove Local Historical Societies.
 - Active library user and expressed a desire to help improve and expand the library for the community.

VIII. Adjournment

- Meeting Adjourned: 7:21pm
- Next regular meeting: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 6:45pm in the History Room of the Glen Cove Library
- There being no further business to bring before the Board of Trustees, a motion to adjourn was made by Richard Leff. Seconded by Neil Ackerman. All in favor.

Recorded by:

Approved by :

Joanne Yee, Secretary

Neil Ackerman, Board of Trustee