

Glen Cove Public Library
Board of Trustees
Unapproved Minutes
January 20, 2026

I. Attendance:

Present: Trustees R. Leff, M. Maher, J. Yee, Treasurer R. Abbondandolo, Director J. Cabo, and Librarian III C. Stern
Absent with prior notice: N. Ackerman, A. Pettrash

Guests: Nabil Azamy, Gail Carlin, Victoria Christie, Nicole Dehney, Amanda Fisk, Dave Nieri

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

II. Minutes:

The minutes of the regular Board meeting of November 2025 were read.
Motion to accept the minutes was made by R. Leff. Seconded by J. Yee. All in favor.

III. Bills:

The warrant for January 2026, covering the period 11/19/25-1/20/26 for total transactions of \$255,443.84, was presented for approval.
Motion to approve the warrant was made by J. Yee. Seconded by R. Leff. All in favor.

The Treasurer's Reports for November & December 2025 were presented for approval.
Motion to approve the reports was made by R. Leff. Seconded by J. Yee. All in favor.

IV. Director's Report:

Annual Financial Report

The annual financial report was presented and reviewed.

Budget Vote & Trustee Election

The 2026 Budget Vote and Trustee Election will tentatively be held on Tuesday, April 28. A hearing on the library budget/meet the candidates night will be held at the regularly scheduled board meeting on Tuesday, April 21. The term of R. Leff is set to expire. The resignation of Gina Rant, Clerk, was presented.

Letter from the Genealogy and Local History Roundtable members

The members of the Genealogy and Local History Roundtable submitted a written request to the Director and Board of Trustees to change their meeting day to Mondays. The request was accommodated, effective January 26, 2026.

Personnel

Natalie Jovic, who was previously approved for a part-time Librarian position in the Children's Department, will not be joining the library staff, and the position has been reposted.

Miscellaneous

The Library closed due to snow on Sunday, December 14, Saturday, December 27, and Sunday, January 18.

Enclosed are the Nassau Library System's 2025 NLS In Brief and staff reports on meetings and outreach.

V. Committee Reports:

Gail Carlin, President of the Friends of the Glen Cove Public Library, presented the 2025 Year in Review and outlined goals for 2026.

In 2025, the Friends held a successful book sale and membership drive, gaining 15 new members, and hosted an open house. They participated in the Library's Trivia Night, author visits, Glen Cove's National Night Out, and the Glen Cove Street Fair, and held a plant sale fundraiser. The Friends also organized a Holiday Get-Together, provided refreshments for the Caroling event, and funded the digitization of records and historic newspapers, as well as supporting various children's programs.

For 2026, the Friends plan to start a free-standing library at the Glen Cove train station. Additional goals include hosting another open house and membership drive, holding a plant sale, participating in the Glen Cove Farmers Market, the Glen Cove Street Fair, and Glen Cove's National Night Out. The Friends would like to increase evening meetings to accommodate working patrons, computerize the Treasurer's books, and continue supporting adult and children's programs.

VI. Old Business:

Motion to approve the Library's updated bylaws was made by R. Leff. Seconded by J. Yee. All in favor.

VII. New Business:

None

VIII. Adjournment:

There being no further business to bring before the Board of Trustees, a motion to adjourn was made by R. Leff at 7:19 pm. Seconded by J. Yee. All in favor.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 6:45 pm in the History Room.

Recorded by:

Joanna Cabo, Director

Approved by:

Joanne Yee, Secretary