

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THE SMITHTOWN LIBRARY
September 9, 2025**

A SPECIAL meeting of the Board of Trustees of The Smithtown Library was held at the Nesconset building, Nesconset, NY, on the 9th day of September, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The following Library Trustees were present and participating at the meeting: Brianna Baker-Stines, Mildred Bernstein, Barbara Deal, Annette Galarza, Howard Knispel, Christopher Sarvis and Theresa Stabile.

Also present were Library Director Robert Lusak, Assistant Library Director Patricia Thomson, Clerk Lauren Gunderson, Treasurer Kevin Miller, and Secretary Linda Taurassi. Assistant Library Director Eileen Caulfield was absent with prior notice.

Annette Galarza, President of the Board of Trustees, acted as Chairman of the meeting.

The board deliberated and took action upon the following matter:

1. Report of the BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE to adopt the 2026 budget for The Smithtown Library.

Business Manager Jennifer Piano gave a presentation pertaining to 2025 budget highlights, in addition to detailed information concerning the 2026 proposed budget.

After discussion Library Board President Annette Galarza moved to approve the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the report of the Budget and Finance Committee pertaining to the proposed 2026 budget be adopted; said budget to be adopted in the amount of \$17,731,372.00.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Christopher Sarvis and adopted 7-0 by the following roll call vote:

FOR—Baker-Stines, Bernstein, Deal, Galarza, Knispel, Sarvis, Stabile; AGAINST—none

2. Library Board President Annette Galarza noted that the next “regular” meeting of the Library Board of Trustees was scheduled to be held Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the Kings Park building.


3. There being no further business, Library Board President Annette Galarza moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 pm. The motion was seconded by Trustee Barbara Deal and adopted 7-0 by the following roll call vote:

FOR—Baker-Stines, Bernstein, Deal, Galarza, Knispel, Sarvis, Stabile; AGAINST—none

Minutes approved this 16th day of September, 2025.



Annette Galarza, President
Smithtown Library Board of Trustees



Linda Taurassi
Secretary to the Board of Trustees