

WESTCHESTER LIBRARY SYSTEM
Trustee Meeting
February 24, 2026 – Approval Pending

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Westchester Library System was called to order by Nishat Hydari at 6:03 p.m.

The quorum requirement was met with the following people in attendance:

Board Members present: Robert Cartolano, Ralph Esposito, Nishat Hydari, Alice Joselow, Maureen LeBlanc, Susan Morduch, David Mener, Hudson Trader, Barbara Tepper, Diane Tabakman, Karen Zevin

Board Members absent: Andrea Bober, Wes Iwanski, Karen Kelley, Patricia Phelan

Also present from WLS were: Wilson Arana, Rob Caluori, Terry Kirchner, Kate Meyer

MINUTES

The minutes of the January 27, 2026, Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Ms. LeBlanc and seconded by Mr. Trader. The motion passed unanimously. [Ms. Joselow was not present for the vote.]

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Caluori presented the payment registers for January 2026. The financial reports for January 2026 were approved on a motion by Ms. LeBlanc and seconded by Ms. Morduch. The financial reports were accepted unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Hydari thanked Dr. Kirchner, WLS staff and all the trustees who attended Library Advocacy Day on February 3, 2026 for a very successful event. Mr. Cartolano noted that the event was very well coordinated and thanked the WLS staff for their hard work. He was able to meet with members of the Assembly and Senate.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Finance: The committee met before the Board meeting, where there was extensive discussion surrounding digital content. There is a tentative date to reconvene in May prior to the WLS Board Meeting.

Audit: Mr. Caluori noted that the WLS financial audit was completed a week sooner than previously scheduled and is currently being finalized. Mr. Caluori will reach out to Chair, Wes Iwanski, to schedule meetings with the Audit Committee.

Governance: The Governance Committee will meet in March to discuss policy updates, change in by-laws, and capitalization of right of access as it applies to the WLS office lease.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

A copy of the Executive Director’s Report was mailed in advance of the meeting.

- WLS has two employee vacancies, one in the Outreach Department and the other in the Cataloging department.
- The WLS lease with 570 Taxter Road is up on June 30th, 2027. In December a proposal was sent to the landlord to keep the lease at 570 Taxter Road, but we have not gotten a response. Next steps include looking at other properties to lease, with the opportunity to sub-lease.
- The next installment of the Trustee Handbook Book Club Series entitled “Hiring and Evaluating the Library Director” is April 16, 2026, and is presented by Brian Hildreth, Executive Director, Southern Tier Library System.

ADJOURNMENT

Having completed its agenda, the Board adjourned its meeting at 7:02 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Cartolano and seconded by Ms. Tepper that passed unanimously.

Respectively submitted,

Diane H. Tabakman
Secretary