

Plattekill Public Library  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
October 8, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: William Farrell, President; Mark Cambalik, Trustee; David Padilla, Trustee; Betty Dorio, Trustee; Darren Lanspery, Director; Mayleen Torres-Rivera, Treasurer; Donna Ebanks, Secretary

**Excused:** Joe Egan, Vice President and George Hickey, Trustee

**Public Comment: None**

**Correspondence: None**

**Election of Officers:**

- Motion to nominate Will Farrell as President of the Board was made by B. Diorio and seconded by M. Cambalik. All were in favor: motion passed. Will Farrell was unanimously elected as Board President.
- Motion to nominate Joe Egan as Vice President of the Board was made by D. Padilla and seconded by J. Reynolds. All were in favor: motion passed. Joe Egan was unanimously elected as Vice President of the Board.
- Motion to keep the current committee appointments in place for the for the remainder of 2025 and up to the 2026 reorganization Board meeting was made by W. Farrell and seconded by M. Cambalik. All were in favor: motion passed.

**Financial Report:**

**Treasurer's report was read and discussed:**

- Motion to cash the \$100,000 CD that was erroneously reinvested for six months after the September Board meeting and deposit those funds into the general savings account, was made by D. Padilla and seconded by M. Cambalik. All were in favor: motion passed.
- Motion to cap the library's credit card at \$5,000 per month for general expenditures and authorize Darren to set up online autopay for timely payment of the monthly statement was made by M. Cambalik and seconded by J. Reynolds. All were in favor: motion passed.
- Motion to approve the payroll for the month of September 2025, was made by M. Cambalik and seconded by D. Padilla. All were in favor: motion passed.
- Motion to approve payment of the bills pending audit was made by D. Padilla and seconded by M. Cambalik. All were in favor: motion passed.
- Motion to approve the following transfers from the savings account: \$10,000 to the corporate general checking account; \$25,000 to the payroll account; and \$10,000 from the capital fund savings to the capital checking was made by D. Padilla and seconded by John Reynolds. All were in favor: motion passed.

**Secretary's Report:**

- Motion to accept September 10, 2025, Regular Board meeting minutes was made B. Diorio and seconded by D. Padilla. All were in favor: motion passed.

**Director's Report was read and discussed:**

- Ultraviolet lights for water purification is in process of being set up
- Both furnaces have been cleaned; small furnace has a combustion issue
- Budget Vote & Trustee Election: the 2026 budget passed, and Joseph Egan was reelected to a four-year term
- Library "Food Fight," food drive in cooperation with the Ulster County Library Association is ongoing through October 18. Donations collected at the Plattekill Library will be divided and given to the following local pantries: Christian Community Deliverance Center Pantry and Clintondale Church Pantry
- Plattekill Day – September 20: staff, Board Members and Friends participated to promote the library and plans for the new building. Crafts and a scavenger hunt were offered for children
- MHLS Annual Meeting will be held on October 24 at the FDR Presidential Library and Museum. RSVP to Darren by 10/15 if you plan on attending. Sam Helmick, President of the American Library Association will be the keynote speaker
- There will be two public forums on the proposed new library building, taking place on October 14 and November 3 both at 6pm
- Reminder: all Trustees are required to have two hours of education completed by the end of the year. Sexual harassment prevention training is also required
- We had a very nice program focused for seniors with local singer and musician Nancy Paroli. The program was successful with about 25 people in attendance

**Committee Reports:**

Technology Committee met on September 30, Chair M. Cambalik briefed the Board

Policy Committee met on October 3, Chair D. Padilla briefed the Board

Plans and Operations Committee met on October 6, Chair M. Cambalik briefed the Board

- Motion to approve the Collection Development Policy was made by M. Cambalik and seconded by J. Reynolds. All were in favor: motion passed.
- Motion to approve the Disposition of Surplus Property Policy was made by J. Reynolds and seconded by M. Cambalik. All were in favor: motion passed
- Motion to approve the Contingency Fund Policy was made by B. Diorio and seconded by M. Cambalik. All were in favor: motion passed.

**Unfinished Business Discussions:**

- Water treatment and flow testing
- Health Insurance for full-time employees

→ Motion to accept the employee health insurance Silver Plan with employee contributions of 10% was made by W. Farrell and seconded by J. Reynolds. All were in favor: motion passed.

**New Business Discussions:**

- Upcoming scheduled MHLS trustee trainings

**Adjournment:**

→ Motion to adjourn was made at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Donna Ebanks

Board Secretary