

Plattekill Public Library
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: William Farrell, President; Joseph Egan, Vice President; Mark Cambalik, Trustee; David Padilla, Trustee; Betty Diorio, Trustee; Darren Lanspery, Director; Mayleen Torres-Rivera, Bookkeeper; Donna Ebanks, Secretary

Excused: Trustees John Reynolds and George Hickey

Public Comment: None

Correspondence: None

Financial Report:

The Treasurer's report was read and discussed.

- Motion to approve the July 2026 payroll made by M. Cambalik and seconded by J. Egan. All in favor: motion passed.
- Motion to approve payment of the bills pending audit made by D. Padilla and seconded by J. Egan. All in favor: motion passed.
- Motion to approve the recommended transfers from the savings account; \$10,000 to general checking; \$25,000 to the payroll account; and the following transfers from the M&T contingency account: \$11,803 to the checking account; and \$100,657.22 to the savings account, made by D. Padilla and seconded by J. Egan. All in favor: motion passed.
- Motion to hire Polar Plumbing Heating & Air Conditioning for the installation of a new AC/heating system at a cost of \$18,880. The system will consist of one large compressor and three head units, which will be installed in the following rooms: the children's room, the adult room, and in the office. Motion made by W. Farrell and seconded by M. Cambalik. All in favor: motion passed.
- Motion to enter executive session at 7:46 pm, with the director's participation, to discuss personnel items made by W. Farrell and seconded by D. Padilla. All in favor: motion passed.
- The Board returned from executive session at 7:57 pm.*
- Motion to accept the payroll budget line-item increase for the total amount of \$10,940, made by W. Farrell and seconded by J. Egan. All in favor: motion passed.
- Motion to accept the tax cap override resolution as written:

Whereas, due to resolved of the State Comptroller's Office in releasing the statistics needed to calculate the actual tax levy limit, the adoption of the 2027 budget for the Plattekill Public Library may require a tax levy increase that technically exceeds the tax cap imposed by state law as outlined in General Municipal Law Section 3-c adopted in 2011; and 2. whereas, General Municipal Law Section 3-c expressly permits the Library's Board of Trustees to override

the tax levy limit by a resolution approved by at least sixty percent of qualified board members; now there be it resolved, that on August 12, 2026, at least sixty percent of the Board of Trustees of the Plattekill Public Library voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit if necessary. D. Padilla made the motion; J. Egan seconded. All in favor: motion passed.

- Motion to approve the 2027 Plattekill Public Library budget proposal of \$545,907.26, made by M. Cambalik and seconded by D. Padilla. All in favor: motion passed.

Secretary's Report:

- Motion to accept July 8, 2026, Regular Board meeting minutes made by J. Egan and seconded by D. Padilla. All in favor: motion passed.

Director's Report:

- Installation of the new electrical box was postponed due to inclement weather, which poses hazards for some electrical work
 - New stairlift status: building permit from the Town has been received and vendor is waiting for parts
 - Septic installation is planned to start on August 24
 - Fire alarm system passed test and copy of the paperwork was sent to the Town
 - A new children's safety gate was installed a near the circulation desk by W. Farrell
 - W. Farrell had two woodchucks removed and eradicated wasps' nests in the playground area
 - Rotary vegetable giveaways are scheduled for Saturdays – 8/15 to 9/12
 - UCLA Annual Dinner is scheduled for 9/8 – RSVP to Darren by 8/26
 - Library SRP has been busy. To this point, there are a total of 200 registrations: 148 children; 36 teens; and 16 adults
 - Petting Zoo event: over 400 people enjoyed the 4H Club's petting zoo. All children received a free book. This was most likely the highest attended program in the 53-year history of the library
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- Motion to hire Tyler Krayewsky for a part-time clerk position at \$16 per hour made by J. Egan and seconded by M. Cambalik. All in favor: motion passed.
 - Motion to appoint Darren as Clerk of the Election made by D. Padilla and seconded by J. Egan. All in favor: motion passed.
 - Motion to appoint Town of Plattekill resident Laura Dougherty as Chairperson of the Election made by D. Padilla and seconded by J. Egan. All in favor: motion passed.

- Motion to authorize the Director to hire two Board of Election Clerks at the confirmed rate of \$18.50 per hour each, made by M. Cambalik and seconded by J. Egan. All in favor: motion passed.

Committee Reports:

- Budget and Finance and Personnel Committees met on August 3; respective chairs Will Farrell and Joe Egan briefed the Board.
 - Plans & Operations met on August 6, and the Policy Committee met on August 10; respective chairs Mark Cambalik and David Padilla briefed the Board.
- Motion to approve the Polar Plumbing Heating & Air Conditioning purchase order for \$18,880 made by J. Egan and seconded by D. Padilla. All in favor: motion passed.
- Motion to approve the transfer of \$18,880 from the contingency account to the general checking account to cover the cost of the installation of a compressor and three head units to be installed by Polar Plumbing made by J. Egan and seconded by M. Cambalik. All in favor: motion passed.
- Motion to approve two (2) checks, each in the amount of \$9,440, made out to Polar Plumbing Heating & Air Conditioning made by J. Egan and seconded by M. Cambalik. All in favor: motion passed.

Unfinished Business Discussion:

New Septic system

New Business Discussion:

2027 Budget discussed during the Financial Report portion of the meeting.

Adjournment: → Motion to adjourn at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Donna Ebanks
Board Secretary