



**Goshen Public Library and Historical Society Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting of August 10, 2026**

Draft Minutes

- I. Call to order
A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Goshen Public Library and Historical Society (GPLHS) was called to order by President Emily Collado at 7:01 PM on August 10, 2026.
Attendance:
Board members present: Emily Collado, Tina Fortugno, Heather LaBruna, Julie Markey, Alison Newman, Michael Panzer, and Lynn Tabbott. Also in attendance: Library Director Rose Chiocchi and Clerk of the Board Meghan Boroden.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Review and Approve Agenda
[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board approve the Agenda as amended.
*Addition of Memorandum of Agreement for Dental Benefits under XII. New Business.
Motion, Trustee Panzer. Seconded by, Trustee Markey. (Approved 7-0-0)
- IV. Privilege of the floor – None.
- V. Approval of the Minutes.
a. [Action item] RESOLVED that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on July 13, 2026.
Motion, Trustee Fortugno. Seconded by, Trustee Tabbott. (Approved 7-0-0)
- VI. Personnel
Director Chiocchi acknowledged the retirement of employee #12.
- VII. Finances
Director Chiocchi delivered the Financial Report for July 2026, the first month of the fiscal year. She informed the board that she has secured a significant savings of approximately 50 percent on workers' compensation insurance. The Library paid its first installment of RCLS expenses for Integrated Library System (ILS) and IT services, both of which are essential services. The tax certiorari repayment to the District is

the biggest strain to the Library's budget, Chiocchi reiterated. Chiocchi noted the successful annual Cornerstone Shakespeare in the Park productions, recently held. The Cornerstone – Library partnership is the costlier community programs in the budget, but well attended with hundreds of audience members enjoying the shows. Chiocchi updated the trustees that the transition to a new book vendor – Ingram – has not resulted in greater cost to the Library, as Ingram provides the same discount as the former vendor.

a. [Action item] RESOLVED that the Board approve the July 2026 Financial Report. Motion, Trustee Newman. Seconded by, Trustee Panzer. (Approved 7-0-0)

b. [Action item] RESOLVED that the Board approve the July 2026 Warrant Schedule Motion, Trustee Markey. Seconded by, Trustee Fortugno. (Approved 7-0-0)

- VIII. Director's Report – In her report, Director Chiocchi reported that the Summer Reading Program came to a successful conclusion. Chiocchi praised the entire staff for their efforts with special acknowledgement to department heads Karen Golding, Amber Kirkwood and Ruth Mallard, as well as team members Lynn Banghart, Krystal Coleman, Clarisa Rosario-DeGroate, Kathy LaRocca and Anne Tichy. Chiocchi acknowledged the talented marketing work of intern Jasmine Fernandez. Despite the building being closed on Sundays throughout the summer, there was an increase of more than 400 visitors in comparison to 2025. Chiocchi highlighted that librarians recently successfully helped a patron work through a personal identity theft matter that occurred outside the Library. Staff member Erica Gati and other donors helped a young woman in need with personal hygiene items before her departure for college. Last, the staff enjoyed a summer BBQ planned by Erica Gati.

IX. Committee Reports

a. Standing Committees

- i. Physical Resources Committee – None.
- ii. Community Resources Committee – None.
- iii. Human Resources Committee – None.
- iv. Sunshine Committee – None.

b. Ad-hoc Committees

Historical Society Committee – Trustees received the printed draft of the second edition of the Local History Journal. A second Artifact Day is being planned.

X. Reports from Partner Groups

a. Friends of the GPL&HS will resume meeting in the fall. The annual Big Band concert with ice cream provided by Trailside Treats is on August 15th.

b. Junior Friends – A large television screen for the Pomares Community Room will be purchased with remaining funds raised by the Junior Friends.

- XI. Old Business
- a. [Action item] RESOLVED that the Board approve the final draft of the 18-month tax certiorari repayment agreement to be signed by representatives of the Goshen Public Library & Historical Society and Goshen Central School District.
Motion, Trustee Tabbott. Seconded by, Trustee LaBruna. (Approved 7-0-0)
- XII. New Business
- a. [Action item] RESOLVED that the Board approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Goshen Public Library & Historical Society unit of the CSEA to amend the collective bargaining agreement to extend dental benefits for retired employees of the Library at no expense to the Goshen Library & Historical Society.
Motion, Trustee Panzer. Seconded by, Trustee Fortugno. (Approved 7-0-0)
- XIII. Privilege of the Floor – None.
- XIV. Executive Session
- [Action item] RESOLVED that the Board enter Executive Session at 7:38 PM to discuss the employment history of particular individuals.
Motion, Trustee Newman. Seconded by, Trustee Markey. (Approved 7-0-0)
No action was taken.
[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board exit Executive Session at 8:15 PM.
Motion, Trustee Fortugno. Seconded by, Trustee LaBruna. (Approved 7-0-0)
- XV. Appointment of attorney
- [Action item] RESOLVED that the Board appoint attorney William Frank of the law firm Blustein, Shapiro, Frank & Barone, LLP for counsel on personnel matters.
Motion, Trustee Tabbott. Seconded by, Trustee Newman. (Approved 7-0-0)
- XVI. Report of Continuing Education Credits – Trustees reported on classes they have participated in to fulfill the continuing education credits required by NYS law.
- XVII. Adjournment
- [Action item] RESOLVED that the Board adjourn at 8:22 PM.
Motion, Trustee LaBruna. Seconded by, Trustee Newman. (Approved 7-0-0)

Next Regular Meeting: September 14, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

Submitted by: Meghan Boroden, Clerk of the Board