

HAMMOND PUBLIC LIBRARY

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

HELD ON MAY 15, 2025, AT 1:02 PM

HARRIET M. SCHLESINGER BOARD ROOM AND VIRTUAL

PRESIDING: Tom L. Novak – President – In person

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Tom L. Novak – President – In person
- Maxine Simmons – Vice President – In person
- Albertine Dent – Secretary – In person
- Caryn Janiga – Treasurer – In person
- Karimar Weekes – Trustee – In person

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

- Carlotta Blake-King
- Louis Gonzales

OTHER PERSONS PRESENT:

- Cornell White, Executive Director – In person
 - Members of Library staff and the public (hybrid)
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I. CALL TO ORDER

President Novak called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board and those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

NOTICE OF THE MEETING

The Secretary, Albertine Dent, certified:

THAT notice of the meeting was given via email on May 9, 2025, and the agenda was posted in the Circulation Department and outside the Harriet M. Schlesinger Board Room from

May 9 – 15, 2025.

III. ACTION ITEMS

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Simmons then made the motion:

THAT the minutes of the Executive Session and Regular Meeting held April 17, 2025, be approved as written.

Seconded by: Ms. Dent

Action: Unanimously carried

2. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Mr. Janiga then made the motion:

THAT claims #207 through #263 be approved for payment.

Seconded by: Ms. Weekes

Action: Unanimously carried

Mr. Simmons then made the motion:

THAT the Library requests an advance on taxes to be collected.

Seconded by: Ms. Dent

Action: Unanimously carried

5. BOARD POLICIES – FIRST READING

BP 4111, 4112, 4113, 4113.1, 4119, and 4119.1 were presented for review; no action taken.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Dedicating Study Room to Billy Shelton

Ms. Simmons then made the motion:

THAT a study room be remodeled in honor of Billy Shelton with a budget not to exceed \$1,500.

Seconded by: Ms. Dent

Action: Unanimously carried

2. Land-Sale Inquiry – Pawel Garus Proposal

Ms. Weekes then made the motion:

THAT two certified appraisals be obtained for parcels 45-02-36-426-033.000-023 and 45-02-36-426-034.000-023 (5247 Sohl Avenue) in response to a purchase inquiry.

Seconded by: Ms. Janiga

Action: Unanimously carried

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Janiga then made the motion:

THAT the meeting adjourn.

Seconded by: Ms. Simmons

Action: Unanimously carried

The meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

President:



Secretary:

