

MASTICS-MORICHES-SHIRLEY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

MINUTES OF MARCH 31, 2026 BOARD MEETING

Trustee Maiorana called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

CALL TO ORDER

Present were Trustees Maiorana, Gross, and Furnari, Director Castro, Assistant Director D'Amato, Business Manager Nowak, and Secretary Stirber. Mark Grossman attended as a guest.

PRESENT

PERIOD OF PUBLIC EXPRESSION

Motion by Gross, second by Furnari, to accept the minutes of the March 2, 2026 meeting of the Board of Trustees. Carried 3-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Furnari, second by Gross, to approve the following Operating Fund Schedule of Claims dated March 31, 2026. Carried 3-0.

SCHEDULE OF CLAIMS

Motion by Gross, second by Furnari, to approve the Operating Financial Report for February 2026. Carried 3-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion by Furnari, second by Gross, to approve the Capital Fund Financial Report for February 2026. Carried 3-0.

The Library Director began her report informing the Board that she attended the Computer in Libraries Conference in Virginia. The main focus of the conference was AI and using it ethically and responsibly with transparency. She hopes to have a training session to share what she learned in the near future. Ms. Castro then reported that they have begun the interview process for the Head Custodian position. The process has been time consuming but we have received a number of qualified candidates.

DIRECTOR

The Assistant Director reported that she has been involved and focused on the interview process for the Head Custodian position. Ms. D'Amato then reported that we have received the results of the patron survey and it has been interesting to see the results. The information is being compiled to see what our progress has been so far. Ms. D'Amato then reported that she has been working on the next edition of the Newsletter which will have all the information for summer programs, including everything for the ongoing summer reading club information and the concerts at Moriches.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR REPORT

Business Manager Nowak presented an overview of the 2026-2027 proposed budget. He reported that the community will be voting on a total operating budget increase of approximately 4.5%. He informed the Board that the budget includes increases to programming costs and increases in insurance costs to operate three facilities.

**BUSINESS
MANAGER**

Motion by Gross, second by Furnari, to approve the CS-150 report with the Director's recommended personnel changes. Carried 3-0.

**PERSONNEL
CHANGES**

Motion by Gross, second by Furnari, to approve the 2026-2027 operating budget of \$13,335,000, of which \$12,955,000 shall be sought by a tax levy on the District. Carried 3-0.

**2026-2027
PROPOSED
OPERATING
BUDGET**

Motion by Furnari, second by Gross, to authorize the Board of Trustees, Director, Assistant Director, Department Heads and/or designated staff to attend the Long Island Library Conference on May 14, 2026 at the Melville Marriott. Cost of attendance shall not exceed \$110.00 per person (exclusive of mileage reimbursement). Carried 3-0.

**CONTINUING
EDUCATION**

Motion by Furnari, second by Gross, to move into Executive Session at 7:46pm to discuss multiple personnel issues. Carried 3-0.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

Motion by Gross, second by Furnari, to leave Executive Session at 8:16pm. Carried 3-0.

Motion by Furnari, second by Gross, to adjourn the meeting at 8:16pm. Carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Madeline Stirber

Madeline Stirber, Secretary