City of Tonawanda Public Library
Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes

January 12th, 2026

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:33 PM by Vice President Karen Bordonaro.

II. Attendance

Present: Shelley Bernosky, Karen Bordonaro, Mario Pena and Library Director John Gaff
Excused: Betsy Koch, Amy Mazur

III. Approval of Minutes From Last Meeting (Action Required)

Minutes reviewed by the Board of Trustees. Motion to approve the minutes as presented by Mario Pena. Motion seconded by Shelley Bernosky. Unanimously approved.

IV. Finances

a. Financial Report – December

Financial report given by Library Director John Gaff. No additional comments.

V. Director's Report

Director's Report given by Director Gaff. No additional comments.

VI. Public Comment

No public in attendance.

VII. Old Business

No old business for review.

VIII. New Business

a. Election of Officers

As per the City of Tonawanda Public Library Board of Trustees Bylaws, Article III Section I, the officer positions are elected at the first meeting of each calendar year. The positions include President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Each term is one year and no Trustee can hold the same position for more than three consecutive years.

Mario Pena was nominated for the position of President by Trustee Karen Bordonaro. Shelley Bernosky expressed interest in remaining Treasurer, was eligible to do so, and was thus nominated for the aforementioned position. Betsy Koch was nominated Vice President by Karen Bordonaro. Amy Mazur was nominated Secretary by Mario Pena. Discussion regarding the implementation of audio and/or video recorded minutes and whether or not they could serve as official minutes rather than typed minutes ensued. This discussion will be continued in the future.

All nominations were unanimously approved by the three Trustees present. The positions are thus:
Mario Pena – President
Betsy Koch – Vice President
Shelley Bernosky – Treasurer
Amy Mazur – Secretary
Karen Bordonaro - Trustee

IX. Friends of the Library

N/A

X. Adjournment (Action Required)

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mario Pena. Motion seconded by Shelley Bernosky. Meeting adjourned at 6:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Gaff

John Gaff, Library Director*

**Per Article III, Section I of the Bylaws, a Library staff member can serve as Secretary. Library Director Gaff recorded the minutes due to the absence of Secretary Betsy Koch*