City of Tonawanda Public Library
Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes

September 14th, 2026

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by President Mario Pena.

II. Attendance

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

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

Minutes reviewed by the Board of Trustees. Motion to approve the minutes by Betsy Koch. Motion seconded by Mario Pena. Unanimously approved.

IV. Finances

a. Financial Report – July & August 2026

Financial report given by Library Director John Gaff. Trustee Koch asked how the Trustee account has been funded in the past. Library Director Gaff indicated that in the past fundraising efforts, such as raffles, supported the account. Trustees have also made individual donations and the Friends of the City of Tonawanda Public Library also contributed in the past.

V. Director's Report – July & August 2026

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

VI. Public Comment

N/A

VII. Old Business

N/A

VIII. New Business

a. New York State Construction Aid Assurances (Action Required)

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The Trustees reviewed the New York State Construction Aid Assurances with Director Gaff. The Assurances document is required in order to apply for New York State Construction Aid. Motion to approve the signing of the form by Mario Pena. Motion seconded by Betsy Koch. Unanimously approved.

IX. Adjournment (Action Required)

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Shelley Bernsoky. Motion seconded by Mario Pena. Meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Gaff

John Gaff, Library Director*

**Per Article III, Section I of the City of Tonawanda Public Library Bylaws, a Library staff member can serve as Secretary. Library Director Gaff recorded the minutes due to the absence of Secretary Amy Mazur.*

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