



TOWN OF HAMDEN, CONNECTICUT

ZOOM MEETING

Library Board Minutes

Regular Meeting

6:00 PM, February 10, 2026

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Hamden Library Board (HLB) Regular meeting took place on Tuesday, 10 February 2026 Via Zoom. Chairperson Jan Glover called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. ATTENDANCE

Jan Glover, Pat Sirulnick, Philip Kuchuk, Mary Jean Brown, Amber Woodward, Marcia Romanansky, Brett Prestia, Salman Hamid, Zac Zuber-Zander. Also in attendance: Melissa Canham-Clyne (Library Director), Alyssa Dansinghani (Associate Library Director). Anita Buckmaster - Friends of the Library. Sathiyapriya (Library Board Clerk). Not in Attendance : Daniel Smolnik, Public — Lisa Young.

3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

No Additions to the Agenda.

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

1. January 13, 2026 (Regular Meeting) 2. January 21, 2026 (Special Meeting)

Regular Meeting, January 13, 2026 - As there were no corrections, the Minutes were approved.

Special Meeting, January 21, 2026 - As there were no corrections, the Minutes were approved.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Glover updated the Board about the Association of Connecticut Library Boards newsletter.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Ms. Canham-Clyne and Ms. Dansinghani reviewed the Library Administration Report for the month.

8. MEET THE STAFF

No staff.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Civics 101 2. Thornton Wilder Writing Contest (submission deadline 2/22) 3. Love your Library: Be a volunteer, Saturday (2/14) 1:00pm – 2:30pm

1. Civics 101: Ms. Sirulnick updated the board about Civic 101's upcoming meeting with the Legislators, at Thornton Wilder Hall on February 21, 2026.

2. Thornton Wilder Writing Contest : Ms. Glover updated about the Thornton Wilder Writing Contest. The submission deadline is February 22, 2026.

3. Love your Library : Ms. Buckmaster updated the board about upcoming events in February, including a valentine station at all branches. Friends of the Library will be thanking the staff by delivering coffee and donuts to all branches on February 17. Two fundraising events will be running during the month: \$5 for the Library and ION Bank community awards grant program where members of the bank can vote to support the Friends (\$25 for every vote).

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Financial update b. Committee Reports 1. Finance 2. Space Planning/History 3. Advocacy/Development/Networking 4. Strategic Focus c. Request to Reconsider: Appeals Procedures for the Board of Trustees

Financial Update

a. MUNIS Report: Ms. Canham-Clyne reviewed the MUNIS Report.

b. GIFT FUND report: Ms. Canham-Clyne updated the Gift fund Report. And also Ms. Glover and Ms. Canham-Clyne had a meeting with the Mayor last Tuesday after turning in the Budget package on Friday afternoon.

Finance: No Updates.

Space Planning: No Updates.

Advocacy/Development/Networking: No Updates.

Strategic Focus: Ms. Canham-Clyne updated the board about their upcoming meeting.

Request to Reconsider: Ms. Glover reminded the ad hoc committee that procedures for potential appeals will be soon needed.

11. NEW BUSINESS

a. Library Administration Report: what do you value about the report, ideas for improving b. Speaker expenses: Local Government Re-imagined – Democracy and the Public Trust conference

a. Library Administration Report: Trustees expressed appreciation for the detailed monthly administrative reports. Suggestions were made for possible improvements.

b. Speaker Expenses: Local Government Re-imagined – Democracy and the Public Trust conference - Board members congratulated Ms. Canham-Clyne for this honor. All were in favor of supporting Ms. Canham-Clyne's travel expenses (travel and accommodations) and asked Ms. Canham-Clyne to provide an outline of expenses to be discussed at the March meeting.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(if recommended by the town attorney)

No Executive Session.

13. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved (Mr. Kuchuk) and seconded (Ms. Brown) to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. All were in favor and the motion passed.

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