



# HUDSON LIBRARY & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Hudson Library and Historical Society was called to order at 7:00 pm on Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026, via Zoom Video Conference by President Basil Musnuff.

President Musnuff directed the Board Secretary to call the Roll.

## TRUSTEES PRESENT AT ROLL CALL

Mr. Woodrow Ban - y

Mr. Samuel Barnett – y

Ms. Beverly Dorson – y

Ms. Maggie Mooney – y\*

Mr. Basil Musnuff – y\*

Mr. John Rydquist – y

Mr. Rob Swedenborg – y

Ms. Carleen Welch – y

Ms. Courtney Cahoon White – y\*

## OFFICIALS AND OTHERS PRESENT AT ROLL CALL

Ms. Leslie Polott, Executive Director – y

Ms. Marie Turkovich, Deputy Fiscal Officer/Board Secretary – y

Ms. Molly Pandelli, Fiscal Officer – y

y\*- denotes attended meeting via Zoom Video Conference at 7:00 pm

## VISITORS

Hillary Sullivan-Hudson League of Women Voters

Mr. Musnuff noted for the record there was a quorum present for the Board meeting.

## Public Comment

Mr. Musnuff invited public comment from visitors. Ms. Sullivan from the League of Women Voters Hudson read a position statement on the local library.

The position statement of The League of Women Voters Hudson included the statement as follows:

The League of Women Voters supports adequate public funding to maintain or improve the Hudson Library and Historical Society when the following criteria are met in the following ways:

1. Oversight is provided by an elected citizen's Board of Trustees;
2. Historical and archival record of Hudson's past is preserved; and



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3. The library meets the varying and changing needs of the community with programming and a variety of materials.

The League of Women Voters is an avid supporter of the Hudson Library and Historical Society and the important role it plays in our community.

Recently a committee reviewed and updated the existing library study. Using the study and the Hudson Library and Historical Society financial information, the League of Women Voters Hudson Board voted to endorse the library levy.

Mr. Musnuff thanked the League of Women Voters Hudson for what they do for the library to ensure the Board and its committees comply with open meeting laws.

## Minutes

Mr. Musnuff presented the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Mr. Musnuff invited any comments or proposed changes to the minutes.

Ms. Dorson requested the Friends Bookstore sale days stated during the January Board meeting be included in the minutes. The Board was in agreement with the correction.

**Resolution #2026-007:** Mr. Barnett made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Regular Board Meeting as amended. Mr. Swedenburg seconded, and they were approved by a roll call vote (y - 8 , abstained -1, n - 0).

Mr. Musnuff presented the minutes of the Annual Meeting of February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025. Mr. Musnuff invited any comments or proposed changes to the minutes, and none were brought forth.

Ms. Turkovich stated that the Annual Meeting minutes do not require Board resolution, as the Membership at the Annual Meeting changes from year to year.

## Finance Committee

Ms. Welch stated that Clearstead Advisors presented at the February Finance Committee meeting and they did not recommend any rebalancing at this time. They will present an update to the Board at the May 2026 Board meeting. She turned the financial statement review over to Ms. Pandelli.



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## A. Fiscal Officer's Report

1. January Financial Statements
  - a. Payouts from the General, Private, Capital Improvement and Brewster Café Funds
  - b. Donations in the amount of \$201.50

In January, the library received just over \$128,000 in PLF revenue, which is almost 6% less than what was received last year. Statewide, the PLF was down approximately 5%.

The library did receive a payment of \$21,726.67 for an adjustment to our 2025 property tax collection. An advance for the first half of 2026 collection should arrive in February or March.

The private funds investment portfolio earned just over \$1,000 in interest and dividends and had a charge of \$3,750 for the quarterly advisor fees. The portfolio saw a market increase of almost \$83,000, leaving a balance of just under \$3.4 million at month end. Ms. Pandelli stated that \$50,000 was transferred out of the portfolio to cover expenses, this was approved by the Board previously in January.

In January, the library received \$200 in donations including donations in memory of William Scully and a recurring donation from Courtney Cahoon White for Giving Tuesday and the Friends of the Hudson Library donated to the Policial Action Committee in support of the levy,

Ms. Dorson inquired of the fee incurred from Clearstead Advisors annually. Ms. Pandelli stated that the fee is \$15,000 per year for the first three years and it is charged to the Private Funds.

Ms. Mooney inquired of the ability to make monthly recurring donations. Ms. Pandelli reviewed how a donation can be selected as recurring from the library website.

**Resolution #2026-008:** Ms. Welch made the motion to approve the January Financial Statements as presented. Mr. Ban seconded, and they were approved by a roll call vote (y -9 , n - 0).

Ms. Welch stated that the March Finance Committee meeting was moved to Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> 2026 in the Archives room on the second floor.

## Directors Report

Ms. Polott presented the Director's report and highlighted that the library drafted a grant to the League for Service to support Summer Reading. She stated that the library is also in the process of drafting an LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) grant for History Camp.



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Ms. Polott stated that a new camera was installed in the staff stairway for staff safety concerns.

Ms. Polott stated that the William Dawes chalk drawing that was preserved will have an accompanying video presentation of approximately three to four minutes to display history, documents and photos. The drawing will be located along the back wall by the biographies on the second floor.

Ms. Polott highlighted upcoming events including a returning Duck display from March 24<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, with two ducks this year. This is a kick off with the City of Hudson and the Sixth District Compact. She also highlighted an upcoming sheepherding demonstration on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

### Friends of the Hudson Library

Ms. Dorson stated a donation of \$3,000 to the Political Action Committee was made in February.

### Committee Reports:

#### **A. Elections Committee**

Mr. Rydquist, Nominating Committee Chair, stated that the Trustee applicants and their biographies are posted on the website. Candidate video clips are scheduled for the next two weeks. Mr. Barnett stated that an order of 2,000-election ballots will be placed with the printer, after the proof has been reviewed, in the upcoming week. Ms. Pandelli commented that ballot boxes are being reviewed for size adequacy and binders for the registered voter lists.

### **Other Business**

#### **A. Consider date change of March Board Meeting**

Mr. Musnuff stated the currently scheduled March Board meeting falls on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. He stated the importance of quorum to approve budgets for the coming year. He inquired of Board availability for the currently scheduled March Board meeting. There were several Board members indicating they were not available on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

A consensus was reached that March 30<sup>th</sup> would accommodate most Board members.

**Resolution #2026-009:** Ms. Welch made the motion to move the March Board meeting to March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Mr. Swedenborg seconded, and it was approved by a roll call vote (y -9 , n - 0).

Ms. Pandelli inquired of virtual Board attendees anticipated for the March 30<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Ms. Mooney indicated she would attend virtually at the March 30<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

Ms. Welch inquired of the ability to request Board members attend a Board meeting in person.



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Ms. Welch stated and Mr. Ban was in agreement with the importance of in-person participation at the March Board meeting. Ms. Pandelli and Ms. Welch stated that the virtual meeting policy included sections for in-person requirements, if requested by two Board members. Mr. Musnuff and Board members reviewed the Virtual Meeting policy sections ten and eleven that are related to in-person requests. A discussion ensued on various interpretations of sections of the policy. Mr. Musnuff stated that he would further inquire of legal counsel the interpretation of the policy and advise

## Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Mr. Basil Musnuff, President  
Board of Trustees

Ms. Marie Turkovich, Board Secretary  
Board of Trustees