

Regular Meeting  
Nioga Board of Trustees  
February 24, 2026  
Nioga Headquarters

The regular meeting of the Nioga Library System Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at Nioga Library Headquarters, Lockport, New York.

**Present:** Mr. Charles Begley, Mr. Jeffrey Laub, Ms. Andrea Fetterly, Ms. Kristie Miller, Ms. Marylyn Zaciewski, Mr. Dan Haight, Mr. Howard Balaban, Mr. Craig Bacon, Ms. Patricia Nagel, Ms. Jeanne Tuohey, and Tammam Kinan

**Staff Members Present:** Thomas Bindeman and Laura Jeffery

**OPEN HEARING**

There was no business brought forth in the Open Hearing.

**Call TO ORDER**

Mr. Begley called the meeting to order at 6:15PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Mr. Haight led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Action:** It was moved by Mr. Haight to accept the minutes from the November 25, 2025 meeting. It was seconded by Ms. Zaciewski and the motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**ACTION:** It was moved by Mr. Haight to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing issues related to delivery. Mr. Bacon seconded and the motion carried.

The Board went into Executive Session at 6:18 PM

**END OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Action:** It was moved by Mr. Haight to end the Executive session at 7:05 PM. Ms. Tuohey seconded and the motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

## **Finance and Audit**

The monthly budget reports for November, December 2025 & January 2026 were included in the Board Packet. Also included were the Monthly Payroll reports for November and December 2025 and January 2026.

### Schedule of Payments November, December 2025 & January 2026

General Fund 2025-11G	\$200,999.23
LAA Account 2025-11L	\$ 2,072.18
General Fund 2025-12G	\$ 39,638.87
LAA Account 2025-12L	\$ 2,822.55
General Fund 2026-01G	\$434,322.68
LAA Account 2026-01L	\$ 7,282.65

Mr. Haight reviewed the financial reports with the Board of Trustees.

## **Authorization to Pay Reoccurring Bills**

**Action:** Mr. Haight made a motion to pay reoccurring bills as presented.

Mr. Balaban seconded and the motion carried.

## **Nominating Committee**

Mr. Laub updated the Board on upcoming vacancies:

- a) Genesee County (Andrea Fetterly)
- b) At Large (Patty Nagel)

Mr. Laub stated Ms. Fetterly will run for a second term and Ms. Nagel will not be running for a second term. Nomination letters will be sent out soon.

## **Program Committee**

Ms. Zaciewski updated the Board on the annual dinner that will be held in Genesee County on May 20<sup>th</sup> 2026 at Batavia Downs Racetrack, Park Place Event Center, 8315 Park Road, Batavia, NY.

## **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

### **Ethics Statement and Conflict of Interests Statement**

Mr. Begley reviewed these documents with the Board.

## **System Calendar**

2026 Calendar was included in the Board Packet

## **Grigg-Lewis Grant**

**Action:** Mr. Laub made a motion to accept the Grigg Lewis Grant of \$12,000.00.

Ms. Fetterly seconded and the motion carried.

## **2026 Trustee Training**

A training schedule was included in the Board Packet.

## **Legislative Grants**

A report was included in the Board Packet.

**Action:** Mr. Haight made a motion to accept the Legislative Grants. Ms. Fetterly seconded and the motion carried.

## **DIRECTORS REPORT**

### **Update on State Budget for 2027-2028**

Thomas Bindeman updated the Board on the proposed State Budget for 2027-2028. Thomas Bindeman stated that the Governor is proposing no increase for libraries in 2027-2028 budget.

### **Annual Reports for FY2025**

Thomas Bindeman informed the Board that Lisa Erickson has scheduled two Annual Report Labs, March 4<sup>th</sup> and March 12<sup>th</sup>. Member Library Annual reports are due at the System March 27<sup>th</sup> 2026.

### **Dissolution & Re-charter Newfane Library**

Thomas Bindeman stated this is still work in progress.

### **Re-charter Hollwedel Library**

Thomas Bindeman stated this is also still work in progress.

### **Extension Services and Youth Services Reports**

These reports were included in the Board Packet.

## **MEMBER LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S AND TRUSTEE'S COMMENTS, ISSUES, AND CONCERNS**

None presented

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Bacon stated Old Fort Niagara State Park is having their 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the 1726 French Castle. He stated on specifically on June 5, 6, and 7, 2026 special events and programs and on August 1<sup>st</sup> drone show after dark. Mr. Bacon also stated Niagara County has commissioned 12 paintings to be painted and would like to have all 12 travels around to the Niagara County libraries.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None presented

## **OTHER**

Kristie Miller resigned from the Personnel Committee.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Next Board Meeting Date:  
**March 24, 2026**