

**Regular Meeting
Board of Trustees
Nioga Library System
March 24, 2026**

Approved

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Nioga Library System was held on Tuesday, March 24, 2026.

Trustees Present: Charles Begley, Tamman Kinan, Jeffrey Laub, Craig Bacon, Andrea Fetterly, Howard Balaban, Marilyn Zaciewski, Dan Haight, Patty Nagel and Jeanne Tuohey

Excused: none

Staff Present: Thomas Bindeman and Laura Jeffery

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Haight

OPEN HEARING

There was no business brought forth in the Open Hearing.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Begley called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: It was moved by Ms. Fetterly to accept the minutes from ~~January 23, 2024~~ (correction made and approved, S/B February 24, 2026) meeting with correction. Ms. Kinan seconded; the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Audit Committee

The Monthly Budget Reports for February 2026 were included in the Board Packet. Also included were the Monthly Payroll reports for February 2026.

Schedule of Payments:

February 2026	
General Fund 2026-02-G	\$110,000.00
LAA Account 2026-02-LAA	\$156,450.00

Mr. Haight reviewed and approved the financial reports.

Nominating Committee

Update on the Board Openings 2026

Mr. Laub gave an update on board vacancies. Ms. Patty Nagel has stated she will not be able to continue her At-Large seat. Nomination letters are coming in for the At-Large seat. Genesee County seat, Ms. Andrea Fetterly had agreed to run for her second term.

- Genesee County
- At-Large

The Chair of the Nominating Committee, Mr. Laub gave an update on the Slate of
2026/2027 Slate of Officers:

President – Mr. Begley

Vice-President – Mr. Laub

Treasurer – Mr. Haight

Secretary – Mr. Haight (Mar, Apr. and May)

Program Committee

Ms. Zaciewski gave an update on the 2026 Annual Dinner. The invitations will be mailed April 1st. The Dinner will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2026 in Genesee County at Batavia Downs in the Park Lane Room, Batavia, NY. Ms. Zaciewski stated guests may arrive for registration from 5:00 - 6:00 PM, dinner is at 6:00 PM program is at 7:00 PM. Basket raffle tickets sales will be open starting at 5:00PM. A buffet dinner will be served at 6:30 PM and the program will follow immediately after dinner.

Committee Charges

Mr. Begley made the following charges to the Personnel Committee – Ms. Zaciewski will be the Chair of the Personnel Committee.

Executive search:

- a) Determined schedule - Ms. Zaciewski stated all resumes are due to Nioga by April 15th.
- b) Member Library Representative - Ms. Jill Palermo, Lewiston Public Library
- c) Attorney Consultation – April 2nd

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Accept Trustee Resignation

Action: It was moved by Mr. Haight to accept the Resignation of Ms. Kristie Miller. Mr. Balaban seconded; the motion carried with one opposition.

Executive Director Retirement

Thomas Bindeman will be retiring as of May 29, 2026. Resumes are due to Ms. Zaciewski via Nioga by April 15th.

Elect new Secretary

Action: It was moved by Ms. Zaciewski to accept Mr. Haight for 3 (Mar., Apr. and May) board meetings as acting Secretary. Mr. Bacon seconded; the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Update on State Budget

Mr. Bindeman stated that the Senate hasn't completed the Budget.

Update on Outreach Position

Mr. Bindeman reported that Interviews will start in two weeks.

Extension Services Update

A monthly report from Sara Taylor, Extension Services Librarian, was included in the Board Packet.

Youth Services Update

A monthly report from Laura Herold, Youth Services Librarian, was included in the Board Packet.

Trustee Training

Mr. Bindeman mentioned March 25, 2026 is the next Trustee training Zoom session.

Junk 2013 White Cargo van

Mr. Bindeman stated that the repairs to the 2013 Cargo Van could exceed \$10,000 per Howell Motors Repair Service Center, Lockport, NY.

MEMBER LIBRARY DIRECTORS' AND TRUSTEES COMMENTS, ISSUES AND CONCERNS**OLD BUSINESS**

None presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Bacon stated on behalf of the Nioga Trustees Thanking Ms. Patty Nagel for participating on the Board here at Nioga. Also, on behalf of the Nioga Board Mr. Bacon thanked Thomas Bindeman for all his hard work all these years, here at Nioga.

OTHER

Mr. Balaban stated Lee-Whedon Memorial Library, Medina will be closed until approximately May 4th. He also stated Yates Community Library made a Tik-Tok video inviting all patrons to come to Lee-Whedon Memorial Library.

Next Scheduled Board Meeting

The next scheduled Board Meeting is May 20, 2026 at Batavia Downs, Batavia, NY for the Annual Dinner.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 pm

Secretary