

**Hamtramck Public Library
Library Board
2360 Caniff Ave., Hamtramck, MI 48212
Minutes from July 10, 2025**

Board Members present at the meeting: Ray Bittner, George Gorday, Tamara Sochacka (on Zoom), and Sandra Jabril. State Law allows library boards to continue to meet on Zoom.

Absent: None: (Kathy Kristy resigned from the library board during the June 26th meeting) (Jerzy Dabrowski resigned at the end of June 2025 due to health issues)

The meeting was opened at 6:00 PM. All participants had an opportunity to pick up the reports prior to the meeting or download the report from email sent to every member of the board.

As the first order of business - agenda was adopted on a motion by Mr. Gorday, seconded by Ms. Jabril, passed.

June 12th and June 26th meeting minutes were read and adopted on a motion by Mr. Gorday, seconded by Ms. Jabril, passed.

Financial reports and invoice listings were discussed and adopted on a motion by Mr. Gorday, seconded by Ms. Jabril, passed.

Under the old business:

An update was presented regarding the library staff.

Activities of Friends of the library were discussed.

Board was informed of the purchase of additional CD's at PNC bank (June 2)

Progress of the Summer Reading Program for children.

Under new business:

Library Director presented monthly report of library programs.

Library user statistics for the past month were presented.

Budget to maintaining the library garden was discussed. A motion was made to approve one thousand dollars for maintenance of the garden. It was seconded and passed.

The need for the PNC savings account was discussed. Since it is not earning much interest, it was suggested to close the savings account and maintain only checking and certificates of deposit.

A discussion developed about the search of a librarian for our library. The position was budgeted but no viable candidate applied for the position. The board decided to keep advertising the position until filled. The base compensation for the librarian will start at 50k plus regular benefits.

A discussion developed about hiring library aide to fill the current vacancy. The position would remain part time and starting rate would be thirteen dollars per hour.

The board was informed that Mayor of Hamtramck reappointed Mr. Bittner and Mr. Gorday to another 3-year term on the library board; reappointed Ms. Jabril to another 2-year term on the library board; appointed Ms. Valeries Hillary to a 2-year term on the library board; and appointed Ms. Srodek to a 1-year term on the library board. The newly appointed members of the board should take the oath of office at the city clerk's office prior to participating in the next meeting of the library board.

Under Public Comments: There was no participation of the public.

Motion to adjourn made Ms. Jabril, seconded by Mr. Gorday, passed at 7:00 pm.

Minutes taken by
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