

**Hamtramck Public Library
Library Board
2360 Caniff Ave., Hamtramck, MI 48212
Minutes from March 12, 2026**

Board Members present at the meeting: Ray Bittner, Rachel Srodek, George Gorday, Sandra Jabril (on Zoom), Valerie Hillary and Gregory Kirchner. State Law allows library boards to continue to meet on Zoom.

Absent: None:

The meeting was opened at 6:00 PM. All participants had an opportunity to pick up the reports prior to the meeting.

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

February 12, 2026 meeting minutes were read and adopted on a motion by Ms. Srodek, seconded by Ms. Jabril, passed.

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

Under the old business:

An update was presented regarding the library staff.

Activities of Friends of the library were discussed. They consisted of operating the copy machines, purchasing supplies for the library, providing refreshments for library programs, and providing prizes for the children's reading program.

Report on the low attendance during the extended Thursday open hours was presented.

The Hamtramck Public TV-19 has been invited by the president of the Hamtramck Board of Education to attend, record and air the meetings of the school board.

A report was made on the city wide program introducing the new City Manager and the new Police Chief to the Hamtramck residents.

Under new business:

Statistics on the use of the library have been discussed.

The library staff has been acquainted with the rules adopted by the city of Hamtramck on the private use of personal cell phones during the work hours.

Upgrade of the public computers include more applications that take advantage of the A.I. features.

The board was informed that a number of the public computers are now between 5 and 10 years old. They need additional maintenance and are limited to the programs that will work on systems that are older than the 8th generation microprocessors. The board was asked to authorize replacement of the oldest computers with new ones with a spending limit of \$10,000.00 for the entire purchase. A motion was made by Ms. Srodek, seconded by Mr. Gorday, and passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Srodek, seconded by Ms. Hillery, passed at 7:00 pm. The next meeting was set for Thursday, April 9, 2026.

Minutes taken by
Gregory Kirchner
Executive Assistant to the Library Board