

**Hamtramck Public Library
Library Board
2360 Caniff Ave., Hamtramck, MI 48212
Minutes from April 16, 2026**

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

Absent: Rachel Srodek, Valerie Hillary

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. Jabril, passed.

March 12, 2026, 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 Ms. Jabril, 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.

Under new business:

Statistics on the use of the library have been discussed.

The Library Board was informed that the manager of the PNC bank, Mr. Lawrence Ingram has retired, and a new person will be servicing the library account.

A tentative schedule of the Summer Reading Program was presented to the Board.

The installation of new sun blinds for the auditorium was discussed. There are two ladies that have made a commitment to donate \$1,000.00 each to the cost of the new blinds. The blinds will cost a little over \$2k, therefore most of the expense will be covered by the donation. A motion was made by Mr. Bittner, seconded by Ms. Jabril to follow up

on the installation of new blinds in the auditorium with library paying a small part of the cost.

A window washing company has given the library an offer to wash all the windows from the outside. There are 126 windows in the library. The total cost of washing will amount to \$200.00. A motion was made by Mr. Gorday, seconded by Mr. Bittner to budget for the expense of window washing.

A discussion developed regarding the library garden and its transition into a park. Further information will be needed. The library is to secure a quote estimating the cost or removing the mound of dirt, digging out pathways for new sidewalks, planting grass and erecting a structure that would provide a shelter from rain. A preliminary quote for removal of excess soil, leveling the area and installation of sidewalks was \$16k. The city was contacted and prepared requirements for the project. All the work will be supervised by the city's building department, when the final decision is made to proceed.

Taking under consideration that during the last two years newly installed air-cooled air-conditioning system was not strong enough to cool the library during heat waves, a proposal was made to install a complementary system that would turn on during the very hot days. The additional system would almost double the cooling capacity and it would cost between \$45 and \$50k. (The primary system was a \$122k expense.)

Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Jabril, seconded by Mr. Gorday, passed at 7:00 pm. The next meeting was set for Thursday, June 11, 2026.

Minutes taken by
Gregory Kirchner
Executive Assistant to the Library Board