Holyoke Public Library Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2026

Location: Holyoke Public Library Board Room and Zoom

Present	Member	Corporate/City
X	George Mettey, President	Corporate
X	Manuel Frau-Ramos, VP	Corporate
	Meghan Connolly, Treasurer	City
X	Brenna Levitin, Clerk	City
	Gabriela Alcántara Pöhls	Corporate
	Jacksiel Colon-Rodriguez	Corporate
X	Denise Duguay	Corporate
	Victor Machado	Corporate
X	Jeremy Smith	City
X	Iohann Rashi Vega	Corporate
X	Maggie Whitehead	City

Also present: Jason Lefebvre, Director; Alexandra Aguirre, Finance Manager

Meeting was called to order at 5:14pm by George Mettey.

Approve Minutes:

George motioned to approve June minutes, Jeremy seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

PRESIDENT'S UPDATES: George Mettey

- Realty board meets annually and reports are annual
- Quarterly, the President will send out an email to the Realty Board to check the status of the bank account and any reports that are due, President should also be CC'd on these emails

Brenna motioned to expand the HPL Realty Board to 6 members through Dec 31, 2026. Denise seconded. **Motion passed unanimously** (voted on by full Board).

Maggie motioned to select Andrew Parker for the HPL Realty Board. Brenna seconded. **Motion passed unanimously** (voted on by City Directors only).

- Omar Torres (former library worker) wants to join the Board. We don't currently have a Corporate Director spot open. George volunteered to resign and be re-appointed as a City Director to facilitate this.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Jason Lefebvre

- See report (attached)
- Rain garden sign will be going up soon as part of the grant
- Alarm pad is being repaired
- HVAC issues throughout the building, working with Kleibert on it
- Light pole in the park can be capped it turns out

Jeremy made a motion to accept the Lyle Electric's quote for capping the light pole. George seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

- Computers from City of Holyoke-- waiting to hear back from the Mayor
- Lizotte Glass gave a quote for resealing the leaky windows, Jason will share the quote

Brenna made a motion to accept the Lizotte Glass quote and move forward with fixing the windows. Maggie seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

- New water fountain is in
- Stolen laptop
- Compost hub

Jack from Harpswell

- Trend for 5-10 years if we did 70/30 vs 60/40
- He'll share previous simulations that they did

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE: Meghan Connolley

- Budget
- Meeting with the insurance company next week to verify the policy coverage
- Will ask for cybersecurity insurance
- House sale closed, we'll get the money eventually
- Finance committee needs to vote on how to go forward with high-yield savings account

Brenna motioned that Allie researches HYSA at locally-owned financial institutions to determine the best rates and ask if they can match the best online rates for HYSA. Iohann seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

George moved to adjourn. Brenna seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.