



# UPPER HUDSON LIBRARY SYSTEM

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O	NASS – Tracey Clague	IP	UHLS – Chris Sagaas

Directors' Association

Date: May 1st, 2026

Others in Attendance: J. Favreau; J. Wines;

**Meeting called to order by P. Petruski at 10:07 AM.**

**Minutes**

**MOTION:** E. Valente moved to accept the April 3rd, 2026 minutes. S. Kerr-Mace seconded. Passed.

**Updates from UHLS**

*Chris:* Mary's retirement celebration was great! Thank you to all who attended.

We'll be getting a Google Form for NYS Construction Projects to show intent to apply. It is not required that we have all our bids in place to fill out the form. The Portal will open when NYS passes the budget - possibly May 19th. NYS Construction Grants for 2026 have not yet moved from DLD to DASNY. The timeframe for movement is June or July, meaning the grant money will not come until the end of the year. Some libraries may not be able to start their projects until 2027.

DLD is providing webinars for new minimum standards on the NYS Annual Report.

Past webinars are not on the NYS website due to the amount of time it would take to make them accessible. Chris will ask about other options for making that information available.

Today is the last day to register for Spring on the Hill.

There are 9 seats left for the CDLC webinar, Community Care for Burned-Out Library Workers, on June 4th at 2 pm.

There's a call for IMLS and Academic Studies participants - both management and non-management.

The interview committee for the new Youth and Family Services Manager will (hopefully) be making a decision today.

*Judith:* Wednesday, May 6th at UHLS, there will be a training with the Capital District Hearing Loss Association.

The pop-up field trip to the Bennington Battlefield is on May 11th! More trips are scheduled for the 2nd Mondays of the month in June and July.

Readers Advisory for All on May 13th has lots of signups!

The Workforce Challenge is May 21st and we can also register for the Pride Parade on May 14th.

Lastly, there are more Know Your Rights cards available in new languages.

*Jona:* The UHLS Annual Celebration will be at Love Albany on June 10th. The Committee will be meeting soon to sort through the award nominations.

The Narrative Report is delayed because DLD has to approve the numbers in the report, but it will still be coming out.

**Old Business:** WCAG requirements have been pushed back a year. UHLS will apply more energy into making sure everyone has what they need to be compliant.

Reminder to everyone to use the Discover Google Form to track problems.

**New Business:** Guilderland has been receiving repeated request forms from a prison in Greene County. They reached out to the Mid-Hudson Library System and they said to contact UHLS. There's seemingly nothing to be done, as there is no contact information attached to these forms.

### **Committee Reports**

UHLS Board & Finance Committee – No meeting

UHLS Administration Committee – No meeting

UHLS Services Committee – No meeting

Equity Committee – No meeting. They're looking at May 14th for their next meeting. This is the first time they've had no submissions.

Automation Advisory Committee – No meeting. The Committee will take data from the Discover form and see what they can do to solve the problems.

Central Library Advisory Committee – No meeting

eContent Advisory Committee – No meeting

### **Open Forum**

Albany has 9 candidates for trustee positions!

Colonie's gala was amazing. It was beautiful and successful.

L. Neuman gave a presentation that went well and many in attendance had been to the library before.

Altamont's book sale is tomorrow. All are welcome to come shop or help out.

Watervliet is having FandomFest on Saturday, May 9th.

The next meeting will be held Friday, June 5th at 10 AM.

Guilderland made \$17000 at their most recent book sale!

Altamont will be building a 1/35th scale model of the Statue of Liberty as their Summer Reading hours tracker this year.

July's DA meeting may be pushed back a week. We will discuss next month.

**MOTION:** A. Nicolay motioned to adjourn. M. Tacke seconded. Passed

**10:58 AM meeting adjourned.**