

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
FOUNTAINDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
WILL AND DUPAGE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS
HELD AUGUST 20, 2026
BOLINGBROOK, ILLINOIS**

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Fountaindale Public Library District, Will and DuPage Counties, Illinois was held in the Margaret J. "Peggy" Danhof Board Room, 300 West Briarcliff Road, Bolingbrook, Illinois on Thursday, August 20, 2026 at 7 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by President Celeste Bermejo.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called by recorder, Juanita Lennon, and a quorum was established.

PRESENT

Present at roll call were Bobby Armstrong, Marcelo Valencia, Sarah Siska, Jim Daunis Jr. and Celeste Bermejo.

ABSENT

Trustee Kathryn Spindel and Trustee Meraj Alam.

Trustee Spindel was out of town and was unable to attend the meeting.

Trustee Alam was at work and was unable to attend the meeting.

FOUNTAINDALE STAFF PRESENT

The following staff was present: Paul Mills, Juanita Lennon, Joyce Arellano and Sabrina Smallwood.

Nancy Korczak was present online.

PUBLIC PRESENT

The following public was present: Jody Hargett, Jennie Mills and Oscar Arellano.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Bermejo asked for a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Daunis, seconded by Siska.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Siska, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel, Alam

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING – JULY 16, 2026

The minutes of the board meeting held July 16, 2026 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Siska, seconded by Daunis. Minutes were approved as read.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Siska, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel, Alam

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION – JULY 16, 2026

The minutes of the Executive Session held July 16, 2026 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Valencia, seconded by Daunis. Minutes were approved as read.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Siska, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel, Alam

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

President Bermejo recognized Joyce Arellano for her 10 years of service and presented her with a certificate and award. Bermejo also recognized Sabrina Smallwood for her 30 years of service with a certificate and award.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No comments were made.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Jody Hargett updated the Board. The recent donation of Braille books that the Friends received was unfortunately not viable and had to be recycled.

The Friends have received 37 free book prize coupons from the 2026 Summer Adventure.

The library is hosting the Friends Annual Appreciation Dinner and meeting on Wednesday, September 9 at 6 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Resolution 2026-3 – Resolution to Determine Estimate of Funds Needed for Fiscal Year 2026/2027

Mills reported that this resolution restates the amount identified in our Tentative Budget and Appropriation of \$11,643,863 passed last month.

A motion to approve Resolution 2026-3, Resolution to determine estimate of funds needed for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 was made by Daunis, seconded by Armstrong.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Siska, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel, Alam

Approval of Resolution 2026-4 – Resolution Designating Open Meetings Act Officers

A motion to approve Resolution 2026-4, Resolution designating Paul Mills and Juanita Lennon as the Open Meetings Act Officers was made by Siska, seconded by Daunis.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Siska, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel, Alam

Approval of Resolution 2026-5 – Resolution Designating Freedom of Information Act Officers

A motion to approve Resolution 2026-5, Resolution designating Paul Mills and Jennie Nguyen as the Freedom of Information Act officers was made by Valencia, seconded by Daunis.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Siska, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel, Alam

Approval of Request for Trustees to Attend 2026 Illinois Library Association Annual Conference – October 6–8, 2026 (Peoria, IL)

A motion to approve the request for Trustees to attend the 2026 Illinois Library Association Annual Conference, October 6–8, 2026 in Peoria, Illinois was made by Siska, seconded by Daunis.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Siska, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel, Alam

Approval of 2026 Illinois Public Library Annual Report (IPLAR)

Mills reported that Deputy Director Nancy Korczak leads the effort to complete this required report.

A motion to approve the 2026 Illinois Public Library Annual Report (IPLAR) was made by Valencia, seconded by Daunis.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Siska, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel, Alam

Approval of Local Election Official and Deputy Local Election Officials

A motion to approve the appointment of Vice President Marcelo Valencia as the Local Election Official and Juanita Lennon, Nancy Korczak and Paul Mills as the Deputy Local Election Officials was made by Daunis, seconded by Armstrong.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Siska, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel, Alam

Approval of Revised Circulation Policy

A motion to repeal the current Circulation Policy and approve the revised Circulation Policy was made by Siska, seconded by Armstrong.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Siska, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel, Alam

LIBRARY PROJECTS

Mills reported that the monument sign and parking lot projects are awaiting final paperwork for close-outs. There are a few components on order that are needed to complete the Children's Shelving project.

Mills also reported that the interior lighting project should have orders placed for the needed equipment soon.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for July 2026 was presented by Vice President Marcelo Valencia and will be filed for audit.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

Bills Paid Report – Post July 2026

Bills paid for the month of post July in the amount of \$143.44 was presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Daunis, seconded by Siska.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Siska, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel, Alam

Bills Paid Report – August 2026

Bills paid for the month of August in the amount of \$112,311.28 was presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Daunis, seconded by Armstrong.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Siska, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel. Alam

Bills Payable Report – August 2026

Bills payable for the month of August in the amount of \$381,575.48 was presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Valencia, seconded by Daunis.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Siska, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel, Alam

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – JULY 2026

Executive Director Mills reiterated that the State of Illinois Job Fair held on Wednesday, July 29 was a great success and thanked Vice President Valencia for all his work to make it happen.

Trustee Armstrong congratulated the 37th graduate from the Career Online High School. Armstrong also commended the Circulation Aide who assisted a young patron in filling up their water bottle at the refilling station in the lobby.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS

Building

The liaisons will be meeting with Tria Architecture soon.

Finance

None.

Strategic Plan

None.

Internal Board Operations

None.

AGENDA BUILDING FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The Public Hearing for the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be on Thursday, September 17, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. prior to the regular board meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Bolingbrook Rotary Club Mini Golf event will be held on Thursday, August 27 at Wilderness Falls.

The Rotary Club is also hosting a “Pasta for Polio” Fundraiser on Tuesday, October 20 at Carraba’s in Woodridge..

The Board is invited to the Friends of the Library Annual Appreciation Dinner & Meeting on Wednesday, September 9 in Meeting Room A.

The Village Jubilee will be held September 11–13 with the Pathways Parade on Sunday, September 13.

Trustee Daunis proudly announced that the Bolingbrook Community Closet’s Back to School three-day event dressed 1100 children.

The Bolingbrook Closet will host homecoming events at both Bolingbrook High School and Romeoville High School.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. was made by Valencia, seconded by Daunis.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Siska, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel, Alam

/s/ Robert Armstrong
Secretary, Board of Library Trustees
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/s/ Celeste M. Bermejo
President, Board of Library Trustees
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