

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE FOUNTAINDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
WILL AND DUPAGE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS
HELD SEPTEMBER 21, 2023
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, September 21 at 7 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Vice President Marcelo Valencia.

ROLL CALL OF TRUSTEES

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

PRESENT

Present at roll call were Bobby Armstrong, Kathryn Spindel, Sarah Siska and Marcelo Valencia.

ABSENT

President Celeste Bermejo and Trustee Meraj Alam

President Bermejo was out of the country and Trustee Alam was ill and unable to attend.

FOUNTAINDALE STAFF PRESENT

The following staff was present: Paul Mills and Juanita Lennon.

Nancy Korczak was present online.

PUBLIC PRESENT

The following public was present: Jennie Mills, Nancy Valencia and Jean Walsh.

APPROVAL OF PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

As President Bermejo is unable to attend the board meeting, the Board is may elect a President Pro Tempore who will serve as President. Per Article 6, Section 1 of the Fountaindale Public Library District Board of Trustees Bylaws, the Vice President presides in the absence of the President.

A motion to approve Vice President Marcelo Valencia as President Pro Tempore was made by Spindel, seconded by Siska.

AYES: Armstrong, Spindel, Siska, Valencia
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Alam, Bermejo

APPROVAL OF TRUSTEE PARTICIPATION IN THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2023 PUBLIC HEARING FOR BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 BY MEANS OTHER THAN BEING PHYSICALLY PRESENT

Originally, Vice President Valencia was going to be out of state and requested to attend the board meeting virtually. As things turned out, Valencia was present at the meeting therefore no action is needed for this agenda item.

APPROVAL OF PRESIDENT PRO TEM

No action is needed for this agenda item, as Vice President Valencia was previously approved as President Pro Tempore at the beginning of the board meeting.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

AYES: Armstrong, Spindel, Siska, Valencia
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Alam, Bermejo

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING – August 17, 2023

The minutes of the board meeting held August 17, 2023 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Spindel, seconded by Armstrong. Minutes were approved as read.

AYES: Armstrong, Spindel, Siska, Valencia
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Alam, Bermejo

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No comments were made.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Jean Walsh, President of the Friends provided an update to the Board. Jody Hargett was unable to attend the meeting due to a family emergency. The annual Friends Appreciation Dinner was yesterday September 20. All the officers were re-elected. The Fall Book Sale will take place next weekend.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Ordinance 2023-3 – Budget & Appropriation Ordinance Fiscal Year 2023/2024

A motion to approve Ordinance 2023-3, the Budget & Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 was made by Spindel, seconded by Siska.

- AYES: Armstrong, Spindel, Siska, Valencia
- NAYES: None
- ABSENT: Alam, Bermejo

Approval of Chief Fiscal Officer’s Certificate of Revenues by Source

A motion to approve the Chief Fiscal Officer’s Certificate of Revenues by Source was made by Siska, seconded by Armstrong.

- AYES: Armstrong, Spindel, Siska, Valencia
- NAYES: None
- ABSENT: Alam, Bermejo

LIBRARY PROJECTS

Executive Director Mills will be scheduling a meeting with Trustee Armstrong and Tria Architecture in early October to discuss the 3rd floor renovations and the interior lighting project.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mills received a letter from the Secretary of State/State Librarian, Alexi Giannoulis regarding the recent legislation on filling the vacancy on the Board.

The Bolingbrook Bugle published the press release about the new open Trustee position on the front page.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for was presented by Treasurer Spindel and will be filed for audit.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

Bills Paid Report – September, 2023

Bills paid for the month of September in the amount of \$52,328.69 was presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Spindel, seconded by Siska.

AYES: Armstrong, Spindel, Siska, Valencia
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Alam, Bermejo

Bills Payable Report – September 21, 2023

Bills payable for the month of September in the amount of \$240,683.25 was presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Spindel, seconded by Siska.

AYES: Armstrong, Spindel, Siska, Valencia
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Alam, Bermejo

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – August, 2023

Mills reported that it has been a very challenging time for our staff and our library. Mills commended our staff for their care and concern for our patrons and for each other. Mills also thanked our Bolingbrook Police and Fire Departments for all their help and support.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS

Building – Armstrong reported that he will be meeting with Tria Architecture in October.

Finance – none.

Strategic Plan – none.

Internal Board Operations – none.

AGENDA BUILDING FOR THE NEXT MEETING

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Halloween Walk at the Bolingbrook Town Center will start on October 13.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m. was made by Siska, seconded by Armstrong.

AYES: Armstrong, Spindel, Siska, Valencia
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Alam, Bermejo

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