

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE FOUNTAINDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
WILL AND DUPAGE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS
HELD APRIL 16, 2025
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 Wednesday, April 16, 2025 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, Kathryn Spindel, Sarah Siska, Meraj Alam and Celeste Bermejo.

ABSENT

Trustee Jim Daunis Jr.

Daunis entered at 7:03 p.m.

FOUNTAINDALE STAFF PRESENT

The following staff was present: Paul Mills, Juanita Lennon, Melissa Bradley and Alex Garcia.

Nancy Korczak was present online.

PUBLIC PRESENT

The following public was present: Jody Hargett, Bill Rieser, Jennie Mills, John O'Driscoll and Ron McGrath.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Spindel, Siska, Alam, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Daunis

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING – March 20, 2025

The minutes of the board meeting held March 20, 2025 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Valencia, seconded by Armstrong. Minutes were approved as read.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Spindel, Siska, Alam, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Daunis

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

President Bermejo recognized Melissa Bradley for her 10 years of service and presented her with an award and certificate.

Daunis entered at 7:03 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No comments were made.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Treasurer Bill Rieser presented the report for the Friends Spring 2025 Book Sale. The grand total for the entire weekend was \$3,138.56.

Jody Hargett presented an update to the Board. About 60 Winter Reading Challenge coupons have been redeemed by children for free kids books. The Nook continues to do very well and was open on Saturday during the Book Sale.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Abbey Construction Co., Inc. Bid for 2025 Site Renovations Project

Ron McGrath of Tria Architecture reported that two bids were received for the 2025 site renovations project. McGrath discussed the bids and recommended Abbey Construction Co., Inc.'s bid of \$884,676.

A motion to approve the Abbey Construction Co., Inc. bid for the 2025 site renovations project was made by Daunis, seconded by Valencia.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Spindel, Siska, Alam, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

Approval of Krause Construction, Inc. Bid for 2025 Monument Sign Renovations Project

Ron McGrath of Tria Architecture reported that two bids were received for the 2025 monument sign renovations project. McGrath discussed the bids and recommended Krause Construction, Inc.'s bid of \$122,700.

A motion to approve the Krause Construction, Inc. bid for the 2025 monument sign renovations project was made by Valencia, seconded by Alam.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Spindel, Siska, Alam, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

LIBRARY PROJECTS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for March, 2025 was presented by Treasurer Spindel and will be filed for audit.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

Bills Paid Report – April, 2025

Bills paid for the month of April in the amount of \$89,260.09 was presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Siska, seconded by Valencia.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Spindel, Siska, Alam, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

Bills Payable Report – April, 2025

Bills payable for the month of April in the amount of \$247,216.78 was presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Daunis, seconded by Armstrong.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Spindel, Siska, Alam, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – MARCH, 2025

Executive Director Mills reported that he was asked to join the American Library Association Intellectual Freedom Round Table Immroth Award Subcommittee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS

Building

None.

Finance

None.

Strategic Plan

None.

Internal Board Operations

None.

AGENDA BUILDING FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Mills reported that information about the health insurance renewal for staff should be available by the next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Alam, seconded by Valencia to enter Executive Session at 7:18 p.m. for Personnel 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) "The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity."

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Spindel, Siska, Alam, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

A motion was made by Valencia, seconded by Siska, to return to Open Session at 8:01 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENT

A motion to approve the Executive Director Compensation Adjustment of a 4% increase and five additional vacation days for Paul Mills was made by Spindel, seconded by Alam.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Spindel, Siska, Alam, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. was made by Armstrong seconded by Spindel.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Spindel, Siska, Alam, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

/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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