

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE FOUNTAINDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
WILL AND DUPAGE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS
HELD MAY 15, 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 Thursday, May 15, 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, Sarah Siska, Meraj Alam, Jim Daunis Jr. and Celeste Bermejo.

ABSENT

Trustee Kathryn Spindel

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

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: Jody Hargett, Jennie Mills, Jen Daunis and Adolyn Daunis.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING – APRIL 16, 2025

The minutes of the board meeting held April 16, 2025 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Valencia, seconded by Daunis. Minutes were approved as read.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION – APRIL 16, 2025

The minutes of the Executive Session held April 16, 2025 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Armstrong, seconded by Alam. Minutes were approved as read.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Jody Hargett provided an update to the Board. The Friends just passed their annual audit. Hargett shared that the Friends have recently received many donations. The Friends will be selling children's books at the Ice Cream Social on Tuesday, June 3.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Election Results of April 1, 2025 Consolidated Election

A motion to accept the election results of the April 1, 2025 Consolidated Election was made by Armstrong, seconded by Siska.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel

Administration of Oath of Office for Marcelo Valencia

The oath of office was administered to Marcelo Valencia by Secretary Bobby Armstrong. Valencia took his seat with the Board.

No motion required.

Administration of Oath of Office for James A. Daunis Jr.

The oath of office was administered to James A. Daunis Jr. by Secretary Bobby Armstrong. Daunis took his seat with the Board.

No motion required.

President Bermejo noted that Secretary Bobby Armstrong administered the oath of office to Trustee Kathryn Spindel last week.

Election of President Pro Tempore

President Bermejo asked for nominations for the position of President Pro Tempore.

Trustee Valencia nominated Trustee Sarah Siska as President Pro Tempore. Trustee Daunis seconded the motion.

A motion to close the nominations for the President Pro Tempore was made by Alam, seconded by Daunis.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel

A motion to elect Trustee Sarah Siska to the Office of President Pro Tempore was made by Valencia, seconded by Daunis.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel

Election of Board President

President Pro Tempore Siska asked for nominations for the position of Board President.

Trustee Daunis nominated Trustee Celeste Bermejo as Board President. Trustee Valencia seconded the motion.

Hearing no other nominations, a motion to close the nominations for Board President was made by Daunis, seconded by Valencia.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel

A motion to elect Trustee Celeste Bermejo to the office of Board President was made by Daunis, seconded by Valencia.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel

Election of Board Officers

President Bermejo conducted elections for the offices of Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

A motion to approve the slate of officers, including Trustee Marcelo Valencia as Vice President, Trustee Bobby Armstrong as Secretary and Trustee Kathryn Spindel as Treasurer was made by Siska, seconded by Daunis.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel

Approval of Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Staff Health Insurance

Executive Director Mills discussed the health insurance marketplace and the work that Elena Flores, Human Resources Manager, and he completed with our broker.

A motion to approve funding the allocation for staff health insurance at \$9,200 per eligible employee for those employees selecting health insurance and to fund the allocation of \$500 for those employees who do not select health insurance but instead wish to select dental, vision, life or AFLAC products was made by Daunis, seconded by Valencia.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel

Approval of Resolution 2025-3 – Resolution Authorizing Tressler LLP to Represent Fountaindale Public Library District’s Interests Regarding Property Tax Exemption Proceedings

Mills reported that the District’s legal firm, Tressler, required this resolution in order to represent the District with the Illinois Department of Revenue. Mills also shared that the Valley View School District had approved a similar resolution and that the Bolingbrook Park District was considering a similar resolution as well.

A motion to approve Resolution 2025-3 – Resolution authorizing Tressler LLP to represent Fountaindale Public Library District’s interests regarding property tax exemption proceedings was made by Valencia, seconded by Daunis.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel

Approval of Revised July 2025 Board Meeting Date and Time

President Bermejo reported that a community event is scheduled for the evening of Thursday, July 17. Discussion ensued about options for moving the July 2025 Board Meeting.

A motion to approve the revised July 2025 board meeting date and time to Thursday, July 17, 2025 at 5 p.m. was made by Daunis, seconded by Alam.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel

LIBRARY PROJECTS

Executive Director Mills updated the Board regarding the monument sign project. Following an initial meeting with the contractor, the new estimated time of completion is the end of summer.

An initial meeting with the contractor for the parking lot project was also completed. Representatives from the Valley View School District were also present to coordinate activities at the neighboring ball field. A preliminary schedule has been drafted, and work will begin in August. At this time, it is estimated that the staff part of the parking lot, including the drive-thru, will be closed for about two months. Plans for alternative services have already begun.

Earlier today, Mills received notification that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) Grant was executed.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for April, 2025 was presented by Vice President Valencia and will be filed for audit.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

Bills Paid Report – May, 2025

Bills paid for the month of May in the amount of \$43,982.88 was presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Daunis, seconded by Armstrong.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel

Bills Payable Report – May, 2025

Bills payable for the month of May in the amount of \$279,737.59 was presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Daunis, seconded by Valencia.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – April, 2025

Mills reported that members of the Board will need to complete their annual harassment training. Human Resources will send out links to the training.

Mills also shared that the Ice Cream Social and Summer Adventure kick-off will take place on Tuesday, June 3.

Mills asked everyone to save the date for the Legislative Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, July 16 at the library.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS

Building

None.

Finance

None.

Strategic Plan

None.

Internal Board Operations

None.

AGENDA BUILDING FOR THE NEXT MEETING

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. was made by Daunis, seconded by Alam.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel

/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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