

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
THE FOUNTAINDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT  
WILL AND DUPAGE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS  
HELD JULY 17, 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, July 17, 2025 at 5 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5 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 Kathryn Spindel, Sarah Siska, Meraj Alam, Jim Daunis Jr. and Celeste Bermejo.

**ABSENT**

Trustee Bobby Armstrong and Trustee Marcelo Valencia.

Trustee Armstrong is out of town and unable to attend the meeting.

Trustee Valencia joined the meeting at 5:01 p.m.

## **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 and Noor Nabuisi.

## **AGENDA APPROVAL**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Bermejo asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

A motion was made by Spindel, seconded by Siska.

AYES: Spindel, Siska, Alam, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Armstrong, Valencia

## **MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING – JUNE 19, 2025**

The minutes of the board meeting held June 19, 2025 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Spindel, seconded by Alam. Minutes were approved as read.

AYES: Spindel, Siska, Alam, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Armstrong, Valencia

Trustee Valencia entered at 5:01 p.m.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None.

## **FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY**

Jody Hargett provided an update for the Board. A total of 16 Summer Adventure free book prizes have been redeemed so far. The Friends have decided to no longer hold popup sales as these events are not very profitable. The Friends are trying something new and giving elementary and middle schools teachers 10% off children's books.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Approval of Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026**

A motion to approve the tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 was made by Valencia, seconded by Siska.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Armstrong

### **Approval of Notice of Public Hearing for Budget and Appropriation Ordinance – September 18, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.**

A motion to approve the Notice of Public Hearing for the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance on September 18, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. was made by Valencia, seconded by Daunis.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Armstrong

### **Approval of Change Order Request #01 for 2025 Monument Sign Renovations Project**

Mills discussed that this change order would include an equipment upgrade that increases the resolution of the display and change the manufacturer of the display.

A motion to approve the Change Order Request #01 in the amount of \$21,707 for the 2025 Monument Sign renovations project was made by Spindel, seconded by Valencia.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Armstrong

### **Approval of Library Closing for Pathways Parade on Sunday, September 14, 2025**

A motion to approve closing the library for the Pathways Parade on Sunday, September 14, 2025 due to traffic concerns was made by Valencia, seconded by Daunis.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Armstrong

### **LIBRARY PROJECTS**

The parking lot project will begin on Monday, August 4 through the end of September. Staff are working on logistics and alternative solutions since the drive-thru, garage and staff/delivery entrances will be closed. The library will be offering curbside delivery and other pickup options. Staff will have a new temporary door by the front entrance, and staff will be parking at Village Hall. Deliveries will be received at the front door. Changes will be reviewed with all staff at the next staff in-service on Friday, August 1.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

## **BILLS FOR APPROVAL**

### **Bills Paid Report – July, 2025**

Bills paid for the month of Month in the amount of \$126,851.72 was presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Daunis seconded by Valencia.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Armstrong

### **Bills Payable Report – July, 2025**

Bills payable for the month of July in the amount of \$803,906.50 was presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Daunis, seconded by Alam.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Armstrong

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT – June, 2025**

Executive Director Mills reported that the Legislative Town Hall on Wednesday was very successful.

State Representative Avelar's office is coordinating with other Bolingbrook legislators to petition the Secretary of State for Fountaindale to have a self-service DMV kiosk.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **REPORTS**

### **Building**

None.

### **Finance**

None.

### **Strategic Plan**

None.

### **Internal Board Operations**

None.

## **AGENDA BUILDING FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

None.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Today is Trustee Alam's son's birthday and Trustee Valencia's daughter's birthday.

Trustee Spindel announced her family is welcoming a new great-grandchild.

Trustee Valencia's Battle of Bolingbrook boxing event is next Wednesday, July 23 at 6 p.m.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Siska, seconded by Valencia, to enter Executive Session at 5:20 p.m. for 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (21) "Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06."

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Armstrong

A motion was made by Siska, seconded by Spindel, to return to Open Session at 5:23 p.m.

## **OPEN SESSION**

### **APPROVAL OF REPORT ON REVIEW OF CLOSED MEETING MINUTES**

Bermejo reported that the consensus was to keep all closed meeting minutes closed.

A motion to approve the report on the review of closed Executive Session Minutes and for the minutes to remain closed was made by Valencia, seconded by Alam.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Armstrong

## ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m. was made by Daunis, seconded by Valencia.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Armstrong

/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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