

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE FOUNTAINDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
WILL AND DUPAGE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS
HELD AUGUST 21, 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, August 21, 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 Marcelo Valencia, Sarah Siska, Meraj Alam, Jim Daunis Jr. and Celeste Bermejo.

ABSENT

Trustees Kathryn Spindel and Bobby Armstrong.

Trustee Armstrong was ill and unable to attend the meeting in person.

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 and Jennie Mills.

APPROVAL OF TRUSTEE PARTICIPATION IN AUGUST 21, 2025 BOARD MEETING BY MEANS OTHER THAN BEING PHYSICALLY PRESENT

President Bermejo reported that per Section 7 of the Open Meetings Act, she and Board Recorder Juanita Lennon received a written request from Trustee Bobby Armstrong to attend the August 21, 2025 Board Meeting by means other than being physically present. Trustee Bobby Armstrong wrote that he has a personal illness that prevents him from attending the Board Meeting this evening in person. Personal illness is one of the allowable reasons under the Open Meetings Act to request attendance and participation by means other than being physically present.

Bermejo further reported that per Board Bylaws in Article III, Section 8, the trustees who are physically present shall determine by majority vote whether a trustee who is not physically in attendance may participate by other means – in this case, Zoom. If the vote is in favor, the trustee may vote on matters before the Board.

A motion to approve the Trustee Bobby Armstrong's participation in the August 21, 2025 minutes by other means other than being physically present was made by Daunis, seconded by Siska.

AYES: Valencia, Siska, Alam, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel

ABSTAIN: Armstrong

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

A motion was made by Daunis, seconded by Valencia.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING – JULY 17, 2025

The minutes of the board meeting held July 17, 2025 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Daunis, seconded by Valencia. Minutes were approved as read.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION – JULY 17, 2025

The minutes of the Executive Session held July 17, 2025 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Daunis, seconded by Siska. 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 for the Board. The Book Cellar recently had some good sales with many new customers discovering the store. Donations have been slowing down now that the parking lot project has begun. A total of 31 Summer Adventure free book prizes have been redeemed. The Friends Board met and rewrote its By-laws. Lastly, Jody shared that the Friends are losing Taylor who was a great volunteer.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Resolution 2025-4 – Resolution to Determine Estimate of Funds Needed for Fiscal Year 2025/2026

Mills reported that this resolution represents the next step in the budget cycle and restates the amount of \$11,253,524 that was identified in our Tentative Budget and Appropriation which the Board approved last month.

A motion to approve Resolution 2025-4, Resolution to determine the estimate of funds needed for the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 was made by Valencia, seconded by Daunis.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel

Approval of Resolution 2025-5 – Resolution Designating Open Meetings Act Officers

A motion to approve Resolution 2025-5, Resolution designating Paul Mills and Juanita Lennon as the Open Meetings Officers was made by Valencia, seconded by Daunis.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel

Approval of Resolution 2025-6 – Resolution Designating Freedom of Information Act Officers

A motion to approve Resolution 2025-6, Resolution designating Paul Mills and Jennie Nguyen as the Freedom of Information Act Officers was made by Siska, seconded by Valencia.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel

Approval of Request for Trustees to Attend 2025 Illinois Library Association Annual Conference – October 14-16, 2025

A motion to approve the request for Trustees to attend the 2025 Illinois Library Association Annual Conference from October 14–16, 2025 in Rosemont was made by Valencia, seconded by Daunis.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel

Approval of 2025 Illinois Public Library Annual Report (IPLAR)

A motion to approve the 2025 Illinois Public Library Annual Report (IPLAR) was made by Daunis, seconded by Valencia.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel

Approval of Revised Circulation Policy

Mills reported that the revised Circulation Policy features changes designed to increase consistency among all Pinnacle Library Cooperative members.

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

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel

Approval of Lobby Table Policy

Mills reported that this draft policy regulates the use of tables in our lobby. Specifically, it limits their use to units of government—local, state and federal.

A motion to approve the Lobby Table Policy was made by Valencia, seconded by Daunis.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Siska, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel, Alam

LIBRARY PROJECTS

Mills discussed the parking lot project.

CORRESPONDENCE

Five Bolingbrook area legislators sent a letter to the Secretary of State and State Librarian, Alexi Giannoulias, to consider the installation of a Fast-Lane Kiosk at the library.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

Bills Paid Report – August, 2025

Bills paid for the month of August in the amount of \$26,299.28 was presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Daunis, seconded by Alam.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel

Bills Payable Report – August, 2025

Bills payable for the month of August in the amount of \$243,967.37 was presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Daunis, seconded by Alam.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – JULY, 2025

Executive Director Mills reported that the August Staff In-Service Day went well and thanked the Board for approving closing the library for the event.

Next year, the library will participate in an all-Pinnacle Library Cooperative Conference on Friday, August 7, 2026.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS

Building

None.

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 held on Thursday, September 18 at 6:30 p.m. prior to the regular board meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Pathways Parade will be on Sunday, September 14. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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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