

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
FOUNTAINDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
WILL AND DUPAGE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS
HELD JANUARY 15, 2026
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, January 15, 2026 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.

Trustee Daunis entered the meeting at 7:02 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, Nancy Sander, Dean Baron and Mila Cortes.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Daunis

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING – DECEMBER 18, 2025

The minutes of the board meeting held December 18, 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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Dean Baron and Mila Cortes from the Philippine Nurses Association of Illinois thanked President Bermejo and Fountaindale Public Library for their continued support in providing a meeting space for their organization. The PNAI presented a Certificate of Appreciation award to the Board.

Daunis entered the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Jody Hargett provided the Board with an update. This month is a typical January with sales down but still receiving many donations. The Winter Reading Challenge has begun, and once again, the Friends are offering children a free kids book coupon upon completion of the program. The Book Cellar has already received one coupon.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval to Seek Bids for 3rd Floor and Meeting Rooms Lighting Project

Nancy Sander from Tria Architecture presented the proposal to upgrade lighting in the 3rd floor public spaces and meeting rooms on the 2nd and 1st floors.

A motion to approve seeking bids for the 3rd Floor and Meeting Rooms Lighting Project was made by Spindel, seconded by Alam.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

Approval of Resolution 2026-1 – Resolution Authorizing Intervention in Certain Tax Appeal Cases

Mills discussed how this resolution authorizes Tressler, LLP to represent the Library District in tax appeal cases.

A motion to approve Resolution 2026-1, Resolution authorizing intervention in certain tax appeal cases was made by Spindel, seconded by Valencia.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

LIBRARY PROJECTS

Mills provided an update on the monument sign project. Tria Architecture plans to contract with an engineering firm to determine the best approach for the base of the sign to ensure it can hold the new digital sign.

CORRESPONDENCE

The library received a thank you card from the Philippine Nurses Association of Illinois and a plaque.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

Bills Paid Report – January 2026

Bills paid for the month of January 2026 in the amount of \$393,041.77 was presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Daunis, seconded by Valencia.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

Bills Payable Report – January 2026

Bills payable for the month of January 2026 in the amount of \$3,227,180.12 was presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Siska, seconded by Daunis.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – DECEMBER 2025

Executive Director Mills shared that many staff and President Bermejo attended the funeral services for the late Collection Services Librarian Lynnette Hopwood on Monday, January 12.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS

Building

None.

Finance

None.

Strategic Plan

None.

Internal Board Operations

Mills reported that recent legislation necessitates a review of the Board Bylaws.

AGENDA BUILDING FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Mills added that there may be two Employee Handbook sections for Board consideration at the next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The State of the Village Luncheon will take place on Thursday, February 12 at the Bolingbrook Golf Club.

The Dancing with the Stars Bolingbrook event will occur on Saturday, February 28 at the Hilton Garden Inn Bolingbrook.

The Valley View Educational Enrichment Foundation Annual Dinner & Auction is scheduled for Friday, March 6 at the Bolingbrook Golf Club.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Siska, seconded by Daunis, to enter Executive Session at 7:39 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: Armstrong, Valencia, Spindel, Siska, Alam, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

A motion was made by Alam, seconded by Daunis, to return to Open Session at 7:41 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Approval of Report on Review of Closed Meeting Minutes

A motion to keep the Executive Session Minutes closed was made by Valencia, seconded by Daunis.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. was made by Spindel, seconded by Daunis.

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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