

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
FOUNTAINDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
WILL AND DUPAGE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS
HELD JULY 16, 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, July 16, 2026 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 Bobby Armstrong, Marcelo Valencia, Sarah Siska, Jim Daunis Jr. and Celeste Bermejo.

ABSENT

Trustee Kathryn Spindel and Trustee Meraj Alam

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

Trustee Alam was at work and unable to attend.

FOUNTAINDALE STAFF PRESENT

The following staff was present: Paul Mills, Juanita Lennon, Steven Ford and Sabrina Smallwood.

Nancy Korczak was present online.

PUBLIC PRESENT

The following public was present: Jody Hargett, Jennie Mills and Alex Bura.

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, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel, Alam

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING – JUNE 18, 2026

The minutes of the board meeting held on June 18, 2026 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Daunis, seconded by Valencia. Minutes were approved as read.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Siska, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel, Alam

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

President Bermejo recognized Steven Ford for his 15 years of service and presented them with a certificate and award.

President Bermejo also recognized Executive Director Paul Mills for his 15 years of service as Executive Director with a certificate and award. The Board congratulated Mills.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No comments were made.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Jody Hargett provided a Friends update. The Friends continue to receive many donations from the community. The library has also donated books, including large print copies which are sought after. The Friends also received more Braille books.

So far, the Friends have received 95 free coupons from Children's Winter Reading Challenge 95 and 15 coupons from the 2026 Summer Adventure.

To celebrate the Friends of the Library Week in October, the Friends will have a B1G1F (buy one, get one free) offer.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027

Mills reviewed the Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance and explained that it is based on the Working Budget the Board approved in June.

A motion to approve the tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 was made by Siska, seconded by Daunis.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Siska, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel, Alam

Approval of Notice of Public Hearing for Budget and Appropriation Ordinance – September 17, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

A motion to approve the Notice of Public Hearing for the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance on Thursday, September 17, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. was made by Daunis, seconded by Armstrong.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Siska, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel, Alam

Approval of Library Closing for Pathways Parade on September 13, 2026

Mills reviewed that this has been standard practice for the library due to the route of the Parade.

A motion to approve closing the library on Sunday, September 13, 2026 made by Valencia, seconded by Daunis.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Siska, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel, Alam

Approval of Revised 2026 Secretary's Audit Liaisons

Mills reviewed new guidance from the Illinois State Library that noted the Secretary must not be one of the trustees participating in the audit.

A motion to repeal the existing appointment of the 2026 Secretary's Audit Liaisons and approve the appointment of Trustee Sarah Siska and President Bermejo as the revised 2026 Secretary's Audit Liaisons was made by Armstrong, seconded by Daunis.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Siska, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel, Alam

LIBRARY PROJECTS

Executive Director Mills updated the Board on recent library projects. Both the Children's shelving punch list and the monument sign punch list are nearly complete. There are still a few items left on the parking lot punch list that will be completed soon. The interior lighting project is still reviewing options. Mills and Tria Architecture are ready to meet with the Building Liaisons to discuss potential lobby renovations.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for June 2026 was presented by Vice President Valencia and will be filed for audit.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

Bills Paid Report – July 2026

Bills paid for the month of July 2026 in the amount of \$5,800 presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Daunis, seconded by Armstrong.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Siska, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel, Alam

Bills Payable Report – July 2026

Bills payable for the month of July 2026 in the amount of \$907,511.26 was presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Valencia, seconded by Daunis.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Siska, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel, Alam

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – JUNE 2026

Mills shared that this year's Summer Adventure is going very well.

Mills also noted that the Pinnacle Library Cooperative's first all staff conference, PINCON, is quickly approaching.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS

Building

None.

Finance

None.

Strategic Plan

None.

Internal Board Operations

None.

AGENDA BUILDING FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Mills noted that staff are working on a revised Circulation Policy for consideration by the Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Daunis shared that he and other parents really enjoyed the Story Stroll in Bulldog Park.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Siska, seconded by Valencia , to enter Executive Session at 5:31 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, Siska, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel, Alam

A motion was made by Valencia, seconded by Siska, to return to Open Session at 5:36 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, Siska, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel, Alam

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:37 p.m. was made by Daunis, seconded by Armstrong.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Siska, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel, Alam

/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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