

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
FOUNTAINDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
WILL AND DUPAGE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS
HELD JUNE 18, 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, June 18, 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, Sarah Siska, Jim Daunis Jr. and Celeste Bermejo.

ABSENT

Trustee Kathryn Spindel and Trustee Meraj Alam

FOUNTAINDALE STAFF PRESENT

The following staff was present: Paul Mills, Juanita Lennon and Christopher Halvorsen.

Nancy Korczak was present online.

PUBLIC PRESENT

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Siska, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Alam, Spindel

Trustee Spindel entered at 7:01 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING – MAY 21, 2026

The minutes of the board meeting held May 21, 2026 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Daunis, seconded by Armstrong. Minutes were approved as read.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Alam

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

President Bermejo recognized Christopher Halverson for his 25 years of service and presented him with a certificate and award.

Trustee Alam entered at 7:02 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No comments were made.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Jody Hargett gave the Board an update on the Friends. The Ice Cream Social was a great success and especially for the Friends. Earnings were \$61 and many of the books were YA books which are not usually popular.

Hargett reported that having Jean in charge of the Nook is working out exceptionally well. She makes a great effort to keep the Nook stocked, organized and even creating new collections.

Lastly there have been many good sale days in the Book Cellar. The Friends continue to receive several donations which will make the Fall Book Sale even more successful.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Fiscal Year 2027 Updated Salary Structure

Mills reviewed the proposed salary structure for Fiscal Year 2027 and noted the changes.

A motion to approve the updated Salary Structure for Fiscal Year 2027 was made by Valencia, seconded by Spindel.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

Approval of Fiscal Year 2027 Standard Merit Increase

Mills discussed the standard merit increase for Fiscal Year 2027.

A motion to approve the standard merit increase of 3% to 4% for Fiscal Year 2027 and to approve a standard merit bonus of 3% to 4% for Fiscal Year 2027 for staff at or over their position's maximum salary. The level of the merit increase and the merit bonus requires reaching the appropriate score in the performance evaluation system in order to be granted by Siska, seconded by Daunis.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

Approval of Fiscal Year 2027 Working Budget

Mills reviewed the Fiscal Year 2027 Working Budget memo that was included in the Board Packet. Mills also discussed the potential capital projects for Fiscal Year 2027 which would be funded by a combination of the General Fund Balance and the Special Reserve Fund.

A motion to approve the Working Budget for Fiscal Year 2027 was made by Daunis, seconded by Spindel.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

Approval of Ordinance 2026-2 – Ordinance Transferring Funds to the Special Reserve Fund

Mills discussed that this ordinance would transfer \$1,000,000 from the General Fund to the Special Reserve Fund.

A motion to approve Ordinance 2026-2, Ordinance transferring funds to the Special Reserve Fund was made by Valencia, seconded by Armstrong.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

LIBRARY PROJECTS

Executive Director Mills noted that the punch lists for the monument sign project, the Children's Services shelving project and the parking lot project are close to being completed.

The Interior lighting project continues with reviewing all the lighting fixtures before placing the final order.

The Building Liaisons will be meeting with Tria Architecture to discuss renovation possibilities for the lobby.

CORRESPONDENCE

The library received a letter from the Secretary of State's Office regarding the Per Capita Grant. The letter awards the library with a 2026 Per Illinois Public Library Capita Grant in the amount of \$113,983.30

State Representative Natalie Manley posted a press release about the Ice Cream Social that was held on Tuesday, June 2. Manley and other local elected officials passed out free ice cream donated by the Friends of Fountaindale Library to attendees in celebration of the annual Summer Adventure kick-off.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for May, 2026 was presented by Treasurer Spindel and will be filed for audit.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

Bills Paid Report – June 2026

Bills paid for the month of June in the amount of \$80,376.03 was presented for approval. A motion to approve was made by Valencia, seconded by Danuis.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

Bills Payable Report – June 2026

Bills payable for the month of June in the amount of \$475,187.28 was presented for approval. A motion to approve was made by Spindel seconded by Alam.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – MAY 2026

Mills commented that the library lost power twice in the last two weeks due to recent storm activity.

Patron sign ups for the 2026 Summer Adventure continue to be strong.

Representative Bill Foster's Office will begin hosting a monthly table in the lobby starting in July.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS

Building

None.

Finance

None.

Strategic Plan

None.

Internal Board Operations

None.

AGENDA BUILDING FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The July 16 Board Meeting will begin at 5 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board wished all the fathers a Happy Father's Day.

Trustee Alam announced he and his wife celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary.

The Bolingbrook Annual Village Picnic will be held on Saturday, June 28, 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Both Valencia Boxing and the Bolingbrook Community Closet will host tables at the event.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. was made by Alam, seconded by Valencia.

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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