

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
FOUNTAINDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
WILL AND DUPAGE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS
HELD MARCH 19, 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, March 19, 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, Jim Daunis Jr. and Celeste Bermejo.

ABSENT

Trustee Meraj Alam

Trustee Alam notified President Bermejo that he would be late to the meeting.

Trustee Alam entered the meeting at 7:08 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.

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, Spindel, Siska, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Alam

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING – FEBRUARY 19, 2026

The minutes of the board meeting held February 19, 2026 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Spindel, seconded by Valencia. Minutes were approved as read.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Alam

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No comments were made.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Jody Hargett provided a Friends update. The Friends have been preparing for the Spring Book Sale at the end of the month. The price for early access to the sale on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning increased to \$4. The Friends membership levels begin at \$4.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of 2026 Secretary Audit Liaisons

Mills reported that the audit of the Board Meeting minutes is required for the Illinois Public Library Annual Report.

A motion to approve the appointment of Trustee Bobby Armstrong and President Celeste Bermejo as the 2026 Secretary Audit Liaisons was made by Spindel, seconded by Valencia.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Alam

Approval of Artificial Intelligence Use Policy Section for the Employee Handbook

Mills described the purpose of this draft section for the Employee Handbook.

A motion to approve the Artificial Intelligence Use Policy section for the Employee Handbook was made by Valencia, seconded by Armstrong.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Alam

Trustee Alam entered the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Approval of Ordinance 2026-1 – An Ordinance Approving Amendments to Bylaws of Board of Trustees of Fountaindale Public Library District

Mills noted that this ordinance codifies the change to the Bylaws that was discussed at last month’s meeting.

A motion to approve Ordinance 2026-1, an Ordinance Approving Amendments to the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees of the Fountaindale Public Library District was made by Siska, seconded by Daunis.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

Approval of Resolution 2026-2 – A Resolution Authorizing Tressler LLP To Represent Fountaindale Public Library District’s Interests Regarding Property Tax Appeal Board Appeal Docket No. 2025-03072 and Any Related Proceedings

Mills reported that the District’s attorneys drafted this resolution to ensure that the properties at issue in an assessment dispute are properly identified.

A motion to approve Resolution 2026-2, a resolution authorizing Tressler LLP to represent the Fountaindale Public Library District’s interests regarding property tax appeal board Appeal Docket No. 2025-03072 and any related proceedings was made by Valencia, seconded by Daunis.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

LIBRARY PROJECTS

Mills reported that work on the monument sign project is proceeding and the estimated completion date is sometime in April.

The second phase of the grant that the library received from the Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity will begin on Friday, April 3. This phase is updating approximately half of the shelving in the Children's area.

The bid for the 3rd floor and meeting room lighting project was published. Tria Architecture hopes to bring a bid recommendation to the April Board Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

Bills Paid Report – Post February, 2026

Bills paid for the month of post February in the amount of \$46,199.00 was presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Daunis, seconded by Alam.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

Bills Paid Report – March, 2026

Bills paid for the month of March in the amount of \$71,509.17 was presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Spindel, seconded by Daunis.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

Bills Payable Report – March, 2026

Bills payable for the month of March in the amount of \$71,509.17 was presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Armstrong, seconded by Valencia.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – FEBRUARY, 2026

Executive Director Mills provided a recap on early voting for the 2026 Primary Election. Will County had 16,466 early voters with about 2,500 voting at the library.

The library will once again host a Legislative Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, July 8, 2026 at 7 p.m. It is anticipated that six legislators will be in attendance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS

Building

None.

Finance

None.

Strategic Plan

The liaisons met with the strategic plan leads earlier this month. Trustee Siska noted major library accomplishments included hosting 1,630 program events with attendance of 93,376 patrons. Also two milestones were achieved including the 500th sign up for the Reading Dragons program and the 300th sign up for the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program. Lastly Siska noted that 593 people attended the “Happy Birthday Pokemon” Bookmobile event at the Promenade.

Internal Board Operations

None.

Executive Director Evaluation

Trustee Daunis will be sending out the evaluation which needs to be completed by March 31.

AGENDA BUILDING FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Agenda items for April include the Tria Architecture bid recommendation and three staff recognition anniversaries.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Spindel announced that her family will be welcoming another great-grandchild.

Trustee Valencia reported his student is participating in the Golden Glove Tournament.

The Bolingbrook Community Closet will be hosting a prom pop-up event at Bolingbrook High School April 14-16.

The Lions Club will be hosting their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4.

St. Dominic's Church will host their Easter egg hunt and breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Sunday, March 22.

The Bolingbrook Garden Club's online plant sale is live and will run through April 11.

The library will be hosting the next Coffee with the Chiefs on Tuesday, April 14.

Trustee Alam announced that Chi-Care accomplished a great milestone by giving out their millionth meal earlier this month.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. was made by Valencia, seconded by Alam.

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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