

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
FOUNTAINDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
WILL AND DUPAGE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS
HELD MAY 21, 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, May 21, 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 informed President Bermejo that he was running late.

Trustee Alam enters the meeting at 7:13 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 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, Spindel, Siska, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Alam

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING – APRIL 16, 2026

The minutes of the board meeting held April 16, 2026 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Spindel, seconded by Daunis. Minutes were approved as read.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Alam

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION – APRIL 16, 2026

The minutes of the Executive Session held April 16, 2026 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Daunis, seconded by Valencia. Minutes were approved as read.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Alam

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Jody Hargett shared a Friends update with the Board. The Friends are pleased to be receiving many donations. The Friends' Board approved a new position. The new volunteer position will be responsible for stocking the Friends' Nook on the first floor. They will also be creating seasonal collections featuring items such as gardening, Black History Month, etc. Jean Walsh volunteered for this new position. Once again the Friends will be selling children's books at the Ice Cream Social.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Staff Health Insurance

Mills discussed the research completed by the library's broker. The recommendation is to retain the current medical plans and transfer dental, vision and life insurance to Mutual of Omaha.

A motion to approve funding the allocation for insurance at \$10,750 per eligible employee for those who select health insurance and funding the allocation of \$500 for those employees who do not select health insurance but wish to select health insurance but wish to select dental, vision, life or AFLAC products was made by Valencia, seconded by Daunis.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Alam

LIBRARY PROJECTS

Executive Director Mills commented that the punch list for the new monument sign has been created and work is continuing on addressing those items. This list may not be completed until after the new fiscal year starts. Facilities Manager Tasos Priovolos and our architect team met with the contractor for the lighting project. Mills reported that the punch list for the Children's Services shelving project is progressing.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

Bills Paid Report – May 2026

Bills paid for the month of May in the amount of \$73,437.08 was presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Valencia, seconded by Daunis.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Alam

Bills Payable Report – May, 2026

Bills payable for the month of May in the amount of \$526,578.31 was presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Siska, seconded by Daunis.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Alam

Trustee Alam entered at 7:13 p.m.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – APRIL 2026

Mills reported that the annual kick-off event for Summer Adventure, the Ice Cream Social will take place on Tuesday, June 2. All Trustees are invited to attend and pass out ice cream.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS

Building

None.

Finance

None.

Strategic Plan

None.

Internal Board Operations

None.

AGENDA BUILDING FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Trustee Valencia shared that Santa Dewey would like to partner with the library in October to have photos with Santa for Christmas cards. Mills said that staff would follow up.

The library is preparing to host the State of Illinois Employment Job Fair on Wednesday, July 29.

The library is also hosting a Legislative Town Hall on Tuesday, July 8 at 6 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Valencia shared that several of his Valencia Boxing students went to the Illinois Junior Olympic Boxing Tournament and Julian Murillo won the Illinois State Championship.

Trustee Alam shared that his son graduated from PreK.

The Board now has a standing invitation to attend the Bolingbrook High School graduation ceremony.

Executive Director Mills commented that next week the Bolingbrook Rotary Club will be out cleaning up Rotary Park.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. was made by Daunis, 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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