

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE FOUNTAINDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
WILL AND DUPAGE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS
HELD OCTOBER 16, 2025
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, October 16, 2025 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 Marcelo Valencia, Kathryn Spindel, Sarah Siska, Meraj Alam, Jim Daunis Jr. and Celeste Bermejo.

ABSENT

Trustee Bobby Armstrong. Trustee Armstrong entered the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

FOUNTAINDALE STAFF PRESENT

The following staff was present: Paul Mills, Juanita Lennon, Debra Dudek and Jacob Luce.

Nancy Korczak was present online.

PUBLIC PRESENT

The following public was present: Jody Hargett, Jennie Mills, Bill Rieser and Sean Salisbury.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Armstrong

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING – September 18, 2025

The minutes of the Public Hearing held September 18, 2025 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Spindel, seconded by Daunis. Minutes were approved as read.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Armstrong

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING – September 18, 2025

The minutes of the board meeting held September 18, 2025 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Valencia, seconded by Daunis. Minutes were approved as read.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Armstrong

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

President Bermejo recognized Debra Dudek for her 15 years of service and presented her with a certificate and award. Bermejo also recognized Jacob Luce for his 20 years of service and presented him with a certificate and award.

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Sean Salisbury commented on his tax bill and the library's budget.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Jody Hargett provided an update for the Board. The Friends extended a thank you to President Bermejo for volunteering to work the Book Sale on Friday afternoon. The Friends gave out Save the Date cards for the Spring Book Sale which will take place March 27–29, 2026.

Friends Treasurer Bill Rieser gave the Fall Book Sale report.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Ordinance 2025-2 – Ordinance to Levy an Additional Tax of .02% for Fiscal Year 2026/2027

Mills discussed that this ordinance provides some of the funding required to maintain and enhance the library building and surrounding property.

A motion to approve Ordinance 2025-2, Ordinance to levy an additional tax of .02% for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 was made by Alam, seconded by Armstrong.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

Approval of Resolution 2025-7 – Truth in Taxation Resolution

A motion to approve Resolution 2025-7, Truth in Taxation Resolution was made by Valencia, seconded by Spindel.

Mills reviewed that this resolution is the next step in the budget process and that the levy document the Board will consider in November will include a breakdown by fund.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

Approval of 2026 Fountaindale Public Library District Closing Schedule

Mills reported that this draft closing schedule included the standard schedule of closed days.

A motion to approve the 2026 Fountaindale Public Library District closing schedule was made by Daunis, seconded by Valencia.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

Approval of 2026 Staff Supplemental Floating Holiday

Mills reported that the Fourth of July in 2026 will be on a Saturday. The District's employee handbook states that the Board may grant a supplemental floating holiday on such occurrences.

A motion to approve one 7.5 hour Supplemental Floating Holiday for full-time staff and one 4 hour Supplemental Floating Holiday for part-time staff which must be used by December 31, 2026 with implementation rules to be created by the Executive Director was made by Siska, seconded by Alam.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

Approval of 2026 Staff In-Service Closing

Mills reported that in lieu of the standard in-service days for staff training, Mills is requesting to close the library for a Pinnacle Library Cooperative Conference that all six Pinnacle libraries would utilize.

A motion to approve closing the library on Friday, August 7, 2026 for an all Pinnacle Library Cooperative Conference was made by Spindel, seconded by Siska.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

Approval of 2026 Fountaindale Public Library District Board Meeting Schedule

Mills reported that the draft Board Meeting Schedule is a standard one with the exception of an earlier time of 5 p.m. for the July Board Meeting.

A motion to approve the 2026 Fountaindale Public Library District Board Meeting schedule was made by Valencia, seconded by Armstrong.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

Approval of Request to Travel for Executive Director to Attend 2026 Public Library Association Conference in Minneapolis, MN – April 1–3, 2026

Mills reported that he would like to attend the Public Library Association Conference in Minneapolis in 2026. Mills noted that out of state travel by the Executive Director requires Board approval.

A motion to approve the request to travel for Executive Director to attend the 2026 Public Library Association Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota from April 1–3, 2026 was made by Valencia, seconded by Daunis.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement between Fountaindale Public Library District and Will County Clerk Regarding Early Voting Location for 2026 Primary and General Elections

Mills reported that this draft agreement would provide for the library to serve as an early voting location for both 2026 Elections and also stipulate the compensation the Will County Clerk would provide for early voting hours outside of the library's normal schedule.

A motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Fountaindale Public Library District and Will County Clerk regarding serving as an early voting location for the 2026 Primary and General Elections was made by Spindel, seconded by Valencia.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

Approval of Resolution 2025-8 – Resolution for The Region VIII Education Service Center for The Interlocal Purchasing System

Mills reported that this resolution would enable the library to join The Interlocal Purchasing System and take advantage of the discounted pricing it offers.

A motion to approve Resolution 2025-8, Resolution for The Region VIII Education Service Center for The Interlocal Purchasing System was made by Valencia, seconded by Alam.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

LIBRARY PROJECTS

Executive Director Mills provided an update on the parking lot project.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

Bills Paid Report – Post September, 2025

Bills paid for the month of post September, 2025 in the amount of \$23,156 was presented for approval. A motion to approve the report was made by Spindel, seconded by Alam.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

Bills Paid Report – October, 2025

Bills paid for the month of October, 2025 in the amount of \$72,330.76 was presented for approval. A motion to approve the report was made by Valencia, seconded by Daunis.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

Bills Payable Report – October, 2025

Bills payable for the month of October, 2025 in the amount of \$424,977.89 was presented for approval. A motion to approve the report was made by Armstrong, seconded by Siska.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – September, 2025

Mills attended the ILA Annual Conference at Rosemont and provided a shuttle service for other staff who attended the conference. Mills served on a panel regarding library advocacy.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS

Building

None.

Finance

The next meeting has been scheduled for November 13.

Strategic Plan

Trustee Siska and Trustee Valencia highlighted newly implemented programs and services. WhaZoodles (kids' audio devices) improving website accessibility, new Adult Test Prep collection, Hispanic Heritage Month programs and the new Adult horror collection.

Internal Board Operations

None.

AGENDA BUILDING FOR THE NEXT MEETING

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Siska announced that she has a new niece.

The PechaKucha Volume 4 will be on Wednesday, October 22 at Ashbury's featuring Trustee Marcelo Valencia.

The Bolingbrook Park District received a grant to plan 35 trees at Knights of Columbus park and volunteers to help plant are welcome.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 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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