

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE FOUNTAINDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
WILL AND DUPAGE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS
HELD SEPTEMBER 18, 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, September 18, 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 Bobby Armstrong, Marcelo Valencia, Kathryn Spindel, Sarah Siska, Jim Daunis Jr. and Celeste Bermejo.

ABSENT

Trustee Meraj Alam

Trustee Alam was out of town and unable to attend.

FOUNTAINDALE STAFF PRESENT

The following staff was present: Paul Mills, Juanita Lennon and Brian Smallwood.

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 Spindel, seconded by Daunis.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Alam

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING – AUGUST 21, 2025

The minutes of the board meeting held August 21, 2025 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

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

President Bermejo recognized Brian Smallwood for his 30 years of service and presented him with a certificate and gift.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Jody Hargett provided an update for the Board. A total of 53 Summer Adventure free book prizes have been redeemed. Redemption expires on October 31. The Book Cellar's daily sales have recently been up and down. The Friends are still taking donations, but only small boxes due to the parking lot construction.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Ordinance 2025-1, Budget & Appropriation Ordinance Fiscal Year 2025/2026

Mills discussed the ordinance and the inclusion of anticipated Special Reserve Fund expenditures.

A motion to approve Ordinance 2025-1, Budget & Appropriation Ordinance Fiscal Year 2025/2026 was made by Spindel, seconded by Valencia.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Alam

Approval of Chief Fiscal Officer's Certificate of Revenues by Source

Mills discussed how this document related to the Budget & Appropriation Ordinance.

A motion to approve the Chief Fiscal Officer's Certificate of Revenues by Source was made by Siska, seconded by Armstrong.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Alam

LIBRARY PROJECTS

A tree closest to the flag pole near the entrance has been trimmed. Flags were getting caught on tree branches.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

Bills Paid Report – Post August, 2025

Bills paid for the month of post August in the amount of \$1,587 was presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Daunis, seconded by Armstrong.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Alam

Bills Paid Report – September, 2025

Bills paid for the month of September in the amount of \$48,457.02 was presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Daunis, seconded by Spindel.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Alam

Bills Payable Report – September, 2025

Bills payable for the month of September in the amount of \$191,744.66 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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – August, 2025

Mills reported that the new monument sign will be installed in early November.

President Bermejo and Director Mills discussed Library Card Sign-Up Month.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS

Building

None.

Finance

The liaisons will be meeting on Wednesday, October 22.

Strategic Plan

The liaisons will be meeting on Wednesday, October 1.

Internal Board Operations

None.

AGENDA BUILDING FOR THE NEXT MEETING

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Bolingbrook Garden Club and the Bolingbrook Rotary Club are hosting a Flower Project on October 3 and 4 at New Life Lutheran Church. Volunteers will be assembling and delivering flower bouquets to the West Suburban Community Pantry.

The Bolingbrook Rotary Club will be present at the Cheesy Pretzel 5K on October 5.

The Rotary Club will be hosting a clean-up on October 18 along the DuPage River Greenway Trail.

The library will be hosting the Kid and Teen Startup Academy in November.

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their Tootsie Roll Drive this weekend.

Trustee Valencia shared that his parents are celebrating their 65th anniversary.

The Board congratulated Trustee Marcelo Valencia who was awarded the 2025 Male Citizen of Year in Bolingbrook.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. was made by Daunis, seconded by Siska

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: 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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