

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
FOUNTAINDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
WILL AND DUPAGE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS
HELD SEPTEMBER 17, 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, September 17, 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, Meraj Alam, Jim Daunis Jr. and Celeste Bermejo.

ABSENT

None.

FOUNTAINDALE STAFF PRESENT

The following staff was present: Paul Mills, Juanita Lennon, Sarah Saltzman, Tana Petrov, Carolyn Boyer, Jeremiah McClendon and Nick Shostok.

Nancy Korczak was present online.

PUBLIC PRESENT

The following public was present: Jody Hargett, Francesca Saltzman Freeman, Al Freeman and Ashley Howard.

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, Alam, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING – AUGUST 20, 2026

The minutes of the board meeting held August 20, 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, Alam, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

President Bermejo recognized Jeremiah McClendon for his five years of service with a certificate. Bermejo also recognized Sarah Saltzman for her 15 years of service and presented her with a certificate and award.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No comments were made.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Jody Hargett thanked the library for the Friends' Annual Appreciation Dinner last week. The Friends' honored their past Presidents to celebrate the 45th anniversary of the organization. Lynn Dempsey was elected as the new Vice President. Lastly, the Friends have now received 41 free book prize coupons from the 2026 Summer Adventure.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Ordinance 2026-3, Budget & Appropriation Ordinance Fiscal Year 2026/2027

Mills discussed the ordinance, which was based on the working budget that was approved in July.

A motion to approve Ordinance 2026-3, Budget & Appropriation Ordinance Fiscal Year 2026/2027 was made by Spindel, seconded by Valencia.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

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

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

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

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

LIBRARY PROJECTS

Staff and Tria Architecture reviewed the submittals for the interior lighting project and shared the changes with the contractor to order the equipment. The contractor will then provide a schedule soon.

Regarding the Children's shelving project, the toe kicks have been delivered and installed. About 30 were missing and the library is working with the manufacturer to resolve the issue.

Both the parking lot and monument sign projects have been completed.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

Bills Paid Report – September 2026

Bills paid for the month of September 2026 in the amount of \$77,749.54 was presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Siska, seconded by Alam.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

Bills Payable Report – September 2026

Bills payable for the month of September 2026 in the amount of \$278,839.99 was presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Daunis, seconded by Armstrong.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – AUGUST 2026

Mills reported that he presented the Illinois Library Association's Public Policy Committee recommendations to the association's Executive Board.

The first Pinnacle Library Cooperative Conference was held on Friday, August 7 and was very successful.

The library received a Request For Reconsideration of library materials by a patron regarding a YA graphic novel.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS

Building

None.

Finance

None.

Strategic Plan

None.

Internal Board Operations

None.

AGENDA BUILDING FOR THE NEXT MEETING

There will be three new business items from LIMRICC on the October agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Spindel read a memorial from former President Margaret J. "Peggy" Danhof in honor of former Trustee Tom Gilligan.

The Village of Bolingbrook will be honoring the Friends of Fountaindale with a proclamation on Tuesday, October 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Trustee Valencia wished the Board a Happy Mexican Independence Day.

The Bolingbrook Community Closet distributed 75 dresses and over a 100 ties at the Homecoming Pop-ups at both Bolingbrook and Romeoville High Schools.

The Board congratulated the Daunis Family on being named the 2026 "Family of the Year."

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

Early voting for Will County residents starts at the library on Monday, October 19 in Meeting Room B.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. was made by Daunis, 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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