

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
THE FOUNTAINDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT  
WILL AND DUPAGE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS  
HELD MAY 16, 2024  
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 16, 2024 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, Sarah Siska, Meraj Alam, and Celeste Bermejo.

ABSENT

Trustee Kathryn Spindel  
Trustee Spindel was out of town and unable to attend the meeting.

Trustee Jim Daunis Jr.  
Trustee Daunis Jr. arrived at 7:03 p.m.

FOUNTAINDALE STAFF PRESENT

The following staff was present: Paul Mills, Juanita Lennon and Elena Flores.

Nancy Korczak was present online.

PUBLIC PRESENT

The following public was present: Jody Hargett, Jennie Mills and Carissa Dougherty.

## AGENDA APPROVAL

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Bermejo asked for a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Alam, seconded by Valencia.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Siska, Alam, Bermejo  
NAYES: None  
ABSENT: Spindel, Daunis

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING – April 18, 2024

The minutes of the board meeting held April 18, 2024 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Armstrong, seconded by Siska. Minutes were approved as read.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Siska, Alam, Bermejo  
NAYES: None  
ABSENT: Spindel, Daunis

## MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION – April 18, 2024

The minutes of the Executive Session held April 18, 2024 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Alam, seconded by Siska. Minutes were approved as read.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Siska, Alam, Bermejo  
NAYES: None  
ABSENT: Spindel, Daunis

## COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No comments were made.

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Jody Hargett reported that the Friends received two large book donations, one from former Friends Treasurer Jane Walsh. The Friends had a board meeting where the Spring Book Sale was discussed. The Friends voted to continue allowing book dealers to enter the book sales.

Trustee Daunis arrived at 7:03 p.m.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Approval of Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Staff Health Insurance

Jennie Mills, Chair of LIMRiCC (the Library Insurance Management and Risk Control Combination) discussed the revolutionary and expensive medical treatments that are one of the factors driving large increases in insurance premiums.

Director Mills discussed that the proposal to increase the insurance allocation for staff to \$8,200 for eligible staff would keep the percentage that staff pay at similar percentages to the current fiscal year.

A motion to fund the allocation for insurance at \$8,200 per eligible employee for those employees selecting health insurance and to fund an allocation of \$500 for those employees who do not select health insurance but wish to select dental, vision, life or AFLAC products was made by Valencia, seconded by Armstrong.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Spindel

## LIBRARY PROJECTS

Mills reported that demolition on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor projects will begin next Monday, May 20 and last about two weeks. Construction work will generally be from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. on weekdays.

## CORRESPONDENCE

None.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for April, 2024 was presented by Vice President Valencia and will be filed for audit.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

Bills Paid Report – May, 2024

Bills paid for the month of May in the amount of \$63,353.57 was presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Daunis, seconded by Armstrong.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Siska, Alam, Daunis, Bermejo  
NAYES: None  
ABSENT: Spindel

Bills Payable Report – May, 2024

Bills payable for the month of May in the amount of \$367,868.05 was presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Valencia, seconded by Armstrong.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Siska, Alam, Daunis, Bermejo  
NAYES: None  
ABSENT: Spindel

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – April, 2024

Mills reported that the Coffee with the Chiefs the library hosted on April 9 was very successful.

The Bookmobile will be at the Public Works Open House this Saturday, May 18.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS

Building – None.

Finance – None.

Strategic Plan – None.

Internal Board Operations – None.

AGENDA BUILDING FOR THE NEXT MEETING

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Armstrong announced that many Boy Scout troops will be having service events for Memorial Day.

The Bolingbrook Rotary Club will be having a tree planting ceremony on Tuesday, May 28 at 10 a.m. The tree is being dedicated to former Fountaindale Public Library Executive Director and Rotarian Alex Todd. Mills noted the excellent work Todd provided not just for the Fountaindale Public Library District, but also libraries throughout the state.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. was made by Valencia, seconded by Daunis.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Siska, Alam, Daunis, Bermejo  
NAYES: None  
ABSENT: Spindel

/s/ Robert Armstrong  
Secretary, Board of Library Trustees  
FOUNTAINDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT  
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/s/ Celeste M. Bermejo  
President, Board of Library Trustees  
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