

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE FOUNTAINDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
WILL AND DUPAGE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS
HELD JULY 18, 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, July 18, 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, Kathryn Spindel, Meraj Alam and Celeste Bermejo.

ABSENT

Trustees Sarah Siska and Jim Daunis Jr.

Trustee Siska was out of town and could not attend the meeting.
Trustee Daunis was ill and unable to attend the meeting in person.

FOUNTAINDALE STAFF PRESENT

The following staff was present: Paul Mills, Juanita Lennon, Monica Stamper and Adriana Alvarez.

Nancy Korczak was present online.

PUBLIC PRESENT

The following public was present: Jody Hargett, Jennie Mills and Allaina Humphreys.

APPROVAL OF TRUSTEE PARTICIPATION IN THE JULY 18, 2024 BOARD MEETING BY MEANS OTHER THAN BEING PHYSICALLY PRESENT

Per Section 7 of the Open Meetings Act, Board Secretary Bobby Armstrong and Board Recorder Juanita Lennon received a written request from Trustee Jim Daunis Jr. to attend the July 18, 2024 Board Meeting by means other than being physically present. Trustee Daunis wrote that he has a personal illness that prevents him from attending the meeting in person.

A motion to approve Trustee Jim Daunis Jr.'s participation in the July 18, 2024 Board Meeting by means other than being physically present was made by Valencia, seconded by Alam.

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

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

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING – June 20, 2024

The minutes of the board meeting held June 20, 2024 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Valencia, seconded by Alam. Minutes were approved as read.

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

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

President Bermejo recognized Monica Stamper for their five years of service and presented them with a certificate award.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Allaina Humphreys presented the Accessible Icon Project. Allaina has been working with the Village of Bolingbrook, Bolingbrook Park District and Valley View School District on new signage and restriping the accessible parking spaces. The library has received new updated handicap parking signs this week and they will be installed soon.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Jody Hargett updated the Board. There have been some profitable sale days in the Book Cellar. The Friends have decided to stop taking book donations right before the start of the Fall Book Sale so they can focus on the sale. Many of the Summer Adventure free book vouchers are being redeemed. After selecting their free book, patrons tend to stay and shop at the Book Cellar.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025

A motion to approve the Tentative Budget and Appropriation for Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 was made by Spindel, seconded by Valencia.

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

Approval of Notice of Public Hearing for Budget and Appropriation Ordinance – September 19, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

A motion to approve the Notice of Public Hearing for Budget and Appropriation Ordinance on September 19, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. was made by Spindel, seconded by Valencia.

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

Approval of Library Closing for Pathways Parade on Sunday, September 8, 2024

A motion to approve the library closing for the Pathways Parade on Sunday, September 8, 2024 was made by Armstrong, seconded by Alam.

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

LIBRARY PROJECTS

Trustee Armstrong provided building projects updates. The library will begin meeting with the school district, park district and Village on the parking lot project to discuss drainage and design parameters. The interior lighting project is slowly moving along. The 3rd floor renovations project continues to progress efficiently forward. The estimated date of completion is the end of August.

Trustee Armstrong also reported that he met on Monday to discuss possibilities for the new monument digital sign. Ron McGrath from Tria Architecture will be present at the September Board Meeting to update the Board on the various projects.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for June, 2024 was presented by Treasurer Spindel and will be filed for audit.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

Bills Paid Report – July, 2024

Bills paid for the month of July in the amount of \$78,745.90 was presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Spindel, seconded by Armstrong.

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

Bills Payable Report – July, 2024

Bills payable for the month of July in the amount of \$1,250,844.24 was presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Armstrong, seconded by Valencia.

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – June, 2024

Earlier today, the Will County Clerk's Office sent out information regarding the upcoming 2025 Consolidated Election. The timeline has moved up into the summer with petition packets being available for pick up beginning August 20, 2024.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS

Building – None.

Finance – None.

Strategic Plan – None.

Internal Board Operations – None.

AGENDA BUILDING FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Trustee Valencia had suggested a change for the printed Board Packets for the Trustees. His suggestion was to staple each section together with its corresponding documents. The Board agreed this was a great way to keep the packet organized.

Mills also mentioned that most of the documents within the Board Packet have been changed to a Calibri font. The U.S. State Department has replaced Times New Roman with Calibri as it is a more modern and readable sans serif font and more accessible.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Armstrong announced that his son Benjamin Armstrong will have his Eagle Court of Honor ceremony on August 12 at 7 p.m.

Trustee Alam announced that his son celebrated his 3rd birthday. Alam also shared that ChiCare will host a 5K Run or Walk in sometime in September.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Spindel, seconded by Valencia, to enter Executive Session at 7:27 p.m. for 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (21) "Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06."

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

A motion was made by Valencia, seconded by Alam, to return to Open Session at 7:30 p.m.

Approval of Report on Review of Closed Meeting Minutes

President Bermejo reported that the consensus was to keep all the closed meeting minutes closed.

A motion to approve the report on the review of closed Executive Session Minutes and for the minutes to remain closed was made by Spindel, seconded by Valencia.

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

OPEN SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. was made by Alam, seconded by Valencia.

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

/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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