

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

ABSENT

Trustee Meraj Alam

Alam entered at 7:07 p.m.

FOUNTAINDALE STAFF PRESENT

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

Nancy Korczak was present online.

PUBLIC PRESENT

The following public was present: Jody Hargett, Jennie Mills, Dora Dosheva, Peter Petrov, Alexander Petrov.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Alam

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING – DECEMBER 19, 2024

The minutes of the board meeting held December 19, 2024 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Daunis, seconded by Armstrong. Minutes were approved as read.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Alam

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

President Bermejo recognized Tana Petrov for her five years of service and presented her with a certificate award. Bermejo also recognized Juanita Lennon for her 15 years of service and presented her with a certificate award.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No comments were made.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Jody Hargett gave an update for the Board. Hargett reported that sales have been slow at both the Book Cellar and The Nook due to the cold weather. Next Tuesday, the Friends will host a pop-up cookbook sale in the lobby to coincide with the Chef Maddox cooking program.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement Between Fountaindale Public Library District and Will County Regarding Ballot Collection Box Drop-Off Site

Mills reviewed the agreement's features. This agreement would remain in effect unless canceled by either the library or the county and would provide for a ballot collection drop-off box to be in the library.

A motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between Fountaindale Public Library District and Will County regarding the Ballot Collection Box Drop-off site was made by Spindel, seconded by Valencia.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

Approval of Resolution 2025-1 – Resolution Authorizing Intervention in Certain Tax Appeal Cases

Mills explained that this resolution would continue to authorize Tressler, LLP to represent the library in tax appeal cases.

A motion to approve Resolution 2025-1, Resolution authorizing intervention in certain tax appeal cases was made by Daunis, seconded by Valencia.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

Approval of Request to Travel for Trustees to Attend 2025 American Library Association Annual Conference in Philadelphia, PA – June 26–30, 2025

A motion to approve the request to travel for Trustees to attend the 2025 American Library Association Annual Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in June 26-30, 2025 was made by Alam, seconded by Valencia.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

Approval of Request to Travel for Executive Director to Attend 2025 American Library Association Annual Conference in Philadelphia, PA – June 26–30, 2025

A motion to approve the request to travel for the Executive Director to attend the 2025 American Library Association Annual Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in June 26-30, 2025 was made by Alam, seconded by Valencia.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

LIBRARY PROJECTS

Mills reported that work on the interior lighting project has resumed this week and should be completed soon.

Tria Architect Ron McGrath will be meeting soon with the Building Liaisons regarding the parking lot and the monument sign.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

Bills Paid Report – January, 2025

Bills paid for the month of January in the amount of \$67,361.32 were presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Valencia, seconded by Daunis.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

Bills Payable Report – January, 2025

Bills payable for the month of January in the amount of \$3,405,591.16 was presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Spindel, seconded by Daunis.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – DECEMBER, 2024

Executive Director Mills reported that he will be the recipient of the 2025 Bolingbrook Chamber of Commerce Business Leader of the Year at the Best of Bolingbrook Business Awards in April.

Mills informed the Board that he will have jury duty the first week of February.

Several community events are coming up including Dancing with the Stars of Bolingbrook featuring our very own Trustee Armstrong. Armstrong is raising funds for the Friends of Fountaindale Library.

The kick-off fundraiser event for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library is on January 30.

The State of the Village is on Thursday, February 13 at the Bolingbrook Golf Club.

The Valley View Educational Educational Foundation Annual Dinner & Auction is on Friday, March 7.

The Best of the Bolingbrook Business Awards is on Thursday, April 17.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS

Building

None.

Finance

The Liaisons plan to meet at the end of the month.

Strategic Plan

The Liaisons plan on meeting at the end of February.

Internal Board Operations

None.

AGENDA BUILDING FOR THE NEXT MEETING

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lions Club's Meat Raffle will be held on Saturday, February 1 from 1–5 p.m. at Tailgators.

The Lions Club and the Knights of Columbus will host the St. Patrick's Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 15 from 6–10 p.m. at The Levy Center. Trustee Alam will be sponsoring the photobooth for the event.

The Rotary Club will host their annual Mac & Cheese Cook-off Fundraiser on Saturday, March 8 at New Life Church.

The Rotary Club's MLK Day of Service will be on Monday, January 20 at the BRAC.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Valencia, seconded by Daunis, to enter Executive Session at 7:32 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, Siska, Alam, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

A motion was made by Valencia, seconded by Daunis, to return to Open Session at 7:38 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

APPROVAL OF REPORT ON REVIEW OF CLOSED MEETING MINUTES

Bermejo reported that the consensus was to keep all 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 Alam, seconded by Daunis.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 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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