

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE FOUNTAINDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
WILL AND DUPAGE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS
HELD FEBRUARY 20, 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, February 20, 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 was absent.

FOUNTAINDALE STAFF PRESENT

The following staff was present: Paul Mills, Juanita Lennon, Ann Burkiewicz, Jacob Luce and Tasos Priovolos.

Nancy Korczak was present online.

PUBLIC PRESENT

The following public was present: Jody Hargett, Jennie Mills, Ron McGrath and Sean Salisbury.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Alam

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING – January 16, 2025

The minutes of the board meeting held January 16, 2025 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Daunis, seconded by Valencia. Minutes were approved as read.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Alam

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION – January 16, 2025

The minutes of the Executive Session held January 16, 2025 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Siska, seconded by Valencia. Minutes were approved as read.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Alam

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

President Bermejo recognized Ann Burkiewicz for her 20 years of service and presented her with a certificate and an award.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Sean Salisbury discussed his tax bill and library expenditures and shared that he is visiting every unit of local government.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Jody Hargett presented an update to the Board. The Friends extended a thank you to Trustee Bobby Armstrong for participating in the Dancing with the Stars Bolingbrook fundraiser. The Friends received a \$200 check from the event.

Hargett reported that book sales are back up.

Children have started to claim their free book prizes from the Winter Reading Challenge. Sixteen coupons have already been redeemed.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval to Seek Bids for Parking Lot Project

Ron McGrath from Tria Architecture discussed the process and benefits of replacing the parking lot this year.

A motion to approve seeking bids for the parking lot project was made by Siska, seconded by Valencia.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Alam

Approval to Seek Bids for Monument Sign Project

Ron McGrath discussed replacing the current library digital sign.

A motion to approve seeking bids for the monument sign project was made by Daunis, seconded by Armstrong.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Alam

Approval of Appointment of 2025 Executive Director Evaluation Liaisons

President Bermejo has named Trustee Siska and Trustee Alam as this year's Executive Director Evaluation Liaisons.

A motion to approve appointing Trustee Sarah Siska and Trustee Meraj Alam as the 2025 Executive Director evaluation liaisons was made by Spindel, seconded by Valencia.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Alam

LIBRARY PROJECTS

Executive Mills reported that the interior lighting project still have several pending items.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

Bills Paid Report – February, 2025

Bills paid for the month of February in the amount of \$67,135.52 was presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Valencia, seconded by Armstrong.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Alam

Bills Payable Report – February, 2025

Bills payable for the month of February in the amount of \$287,813.34 was presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Spindel, seconded by Valencia.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Alam

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – January, 2025

Mills reported that the Will County Clerk has sent out the Statements of Economic Interest forms today. The form must be completed by May 1.

Mills also reported that libraries in Will County will meet with Will County Executive Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant to discuss partnership opportunities in the creation of the Will County Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS

Building

None.

Finance

President Bermejo and Treasurer Spindel reported that they met and reviewed the reports.

Strategic Plan

Vice President Valencia and Trustee Siska reported that they met with the strategic plan objective owners. Trustee Siska discussed the Hold, Please subscription service and the impressive patron attendance at library programs.

Vice President Valencia commented that he was amazed by the many programs the library offers.

Internal Board Operations

None.

AGENDA BUILDING FOR THE NEXT MEETING

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Bolingbrook Lions and the Knights of Columbus will host their annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 15.

The Bolingbrook Rotary is hosting its annual Mac & Cheese Fundraiser on Saturday, March 8.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m. was made by Valencia, seconded by Daunis.

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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