

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES OF THE ARLINGTON HEIGHTS MEMORIAL LIBRARY HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026.

02.26.01 A regular meeting of the Board of Library Trustees of the Arlington Heights Memorial Library was called to order in the Richard Frisbie Board Room of the Arlington Heights Memorial Library on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. by President Amy Somary.

02.26.02 Upon ROLL CALL, the following answered Present: Trustees Borrell, Galla, Kelly, McClaney, Medal, Watts and Somary.

Absent: None

Also present: Michael Driskell, Executive Director; Dana Revilla, Deputy Director; Sasha Vasilic, Communications and Marketing Director; Traci Sara, Finance Manager; Rich Dworiansyn, Information Technology Manager; Megan Maier, Administrative Assistant; Janet Moravec, Executive Administrative Assistant; and Elizabeth Bauer, Resident.

02.26.03 President Somary led the **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**.

02.26.04 **PUBLIC COMMENT** – Resident Elizabeth Bauer addressed the board to share concerns about the library’s book withdrawal practices, particularly the removal of older historical works that may have low circulation but retain historical value. She provided board members with copies of a letter outlining her concerns, along with a list of recommended titles for consideration in the collection.

02.26.05 **LIAISON REPORTS**

- **FRIENDS OF THE ARLINGTON HEIGHTS MEMORIAL LIBRARY** – Executive Director Michael Driskell reported that the Friends have committed \$50,000 toward the new bookmobile.

- **ARLINGTON HEIGHTS MEMORIAL LIBRARY FOUNDATION** – Mr. Driskell reported there were no updates from the Foundation.

02.26.06 Trustee Galla moved **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 20, 2026 (Action Item 1)**. Trustee Watts seconded. All were in favor and the minutes were approved as submitted.

02.26.07 Trustee Watts moved **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 2, 2026 (Action Item 2)**. Trustee McClaney seconded. All were in favor and the minutes were approved as submitted.

02.26.08 **REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JANUARY 31, 2026 (Item 3)** - Mr. Driskell reported that the library did not receive any real estate tax revenue in January. The first installment of the 2026 property tax bills will be mailed in March and due April 1. As of last week, 89.35% of the library’s 2025 property taxes

had been received, with the Village continuing to record receipts and receivables as part of year-end close process. The library received personal property replacement taxes (PPRT) in the amount of \$25,056.60 in January. The library received \$433.11 of cash in lieu of land from the Village of Arlington Heights in January. The library did not receive any interest income from the Village as it had not been allocated yet as of the time of the board meeting. No donations were recognized in January; although in February a generous \$300,000 donation was received from a private estate that named the library as a trust beneficiary. Much of these funds will be used toward the procurement of the new bookmobile. With 8% of the fiscal year lapsed, 10% of the unaudited annual operating budget has been expensed and 0% of the total annual capital budget has been expensed.

- 02.26.09 **REVIEW OF THE CHECK REGISTER FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JANUARY 31, 2026 (Action Item 4)** – Mr. Driskell provided information in response to trustees’ questions regarding individual expenditures.

Trustee Galla moved **THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES APPROVES THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CHECK REGISTER FOR THE ARLINGTON HEIGHTS MEMORIAL LIBRARY OF JANUARY 31, 2026, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,063,754.55.** Trustee Kelly seconded. Upon **ROLL CALL**, the following answered Aye: Trustees Borrell, Galla, Kelly, McClaney, Medal, Watts and Somary. Nay: none. The motion carried.

- 02.26.10 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT** – The executive director highlighted the February 2026 Director’s Report.

- 02.26.11 **OLD BUSINESS**

- **APPROVAL OF 2026 ILLINOIS PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT OF 2025 (Action Item 5)** The board approved the 2026 Illinois public Library Annual Report to be filed with the Secretary of State’s Office.

Trustee Galla moved **THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES APPROVES THE 2026 ILLINOIS PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2025.** Trustee Borrell seconded. Upon **ROLL CALL**, the following answered Aye: Trustees Borrell, Galla, Kelly, Medal, McClaney, Watts and Somary. Nay: none. The motion carried

- **APPROVAL OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO POLICY 1.101 RULES OF THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES (Action Item 6)** The board discussed and approved proposed revisions to Policy 1.101 Rules of the Board of Library Trustees.

Trustee Watts moved **THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES ADOPTS REVISIONS TO POLICY 1.101 RULES OF THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES.** Trustee Borrell seconded. Upon **ROLL CALL**, the following answered Aye: Trustees Borrell, Galla, Kelly, Medal, McClaney, Watts and Somary. Nay: none. The motion carried.

- **APPROVAL OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO POLICY 2.008 PERSONAL INFORMATION PROTECTION (Action Item 7)** The board approved proposed revisions to Policy 2.008 Personal Information Protection.

Trustee Galla moved **THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES ADOPTS REVISIONS TO POLICY 2.008 PERSONAL INFORMATION PROTECTION.** Trustee McClaney seconded. Upon **ROLL CALL**, the following answered Aye: Trustees Borrell, Galla, Kelly, Medal, McClaney, Watts and Somary. Nay: none. The motion carried.

02.26.12 **NEW BUSINESS**

- **NEW WEBSITE PREVIEW (Item 8)** - Communications and Marketing Director Sasha Vasilic and Information Technology Manager Rich Dworiansyn provided a preview of the new website launching later this year.

02.26.13 **OTHER**

- Mr. Driskell congratulated the library trivia team who took second place in the Arlington Heights Historical Society & Museum Team Trivia contest.
- Mr. Driskell shared the library took part in the Lions Club of Arlington Heights Annual Chili Cook Off.
- Mr. Driskell reported delivery of the new bookmobile has been delayed by one to two months as the manufacturer is prioritizing a federal contract.
- Mr. Driskell shared that efforts are ongoing to coordinate the installation of electric vehicle chargers. A potential grant opportunity may push the installation timeline to late summer or early fall.
- President Somary shared takeaways from the Mayor's Community Prayer Breakfast.
- President Somary recommended scheduling a future presentation on the library's withdrawal policy in response to Ms. Bauer's earlier public comment.
- Trustee Watts asked that the board be updated on the findings from the first-floor space consultant once they are available.

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Medal moved **ADJOURNMENT**. Trustee Kelly seconded. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Jennifer Borrell, Vice President/Secretary

Janet Moravec, Recorder