



## **DES PLAINES PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

### **Minutes of the Regular Meeting Thursday, January 15, 2026**

I. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

II. Roll Call.

Roll call indicated the following Trustees were

PRESENT: Lisa DuBrock, Robert Flinn, Kristen Graack, Christine Halblander, Nicholas Harkovich, Rachel Rice, Michelle Shimon-Hutchison, Dr. Megan Williams.

ABSENT: Dr. Gregory Sarlo.

ALSO PRESENT: Director Laurie Papadourakis, Joanie Sebastian, Heather Imhoff, John Leach.

III. Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Vote to invoke the Remote Participation Policy.

MOTION by Rice, seconded by Williams, to invoke the Remote Participation Policy.

AYES: DuBrock, Flinn, Halblander, Harkovich, Rice, Shimon-Hutchison, Williams.

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

V. Consideration of the Agenda.

MOTION by DuBrock, seconded by Halblander, to accept the Agenda.

AYES: DuBrock, Flinn, Graack, Halblander, Harkovich, Rice, Shimon-Hutchison, Williams.

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

VI. Public Comments and Questions.

None.

VII. Consent Agenda.

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting - December 2025.

B. Approval of the Minutes of the Planning and Management Committees - December 2025.

- C. Acceptance of Financial Reports for December 2025.
- D. Acceptance of Reports.
  - 1. Statistics Report for December 2025.
  - 2. Director's Report for December 2025.

MOTION by Flinn, seconded by Rice, to accept the Consent Agenda.

AYES: DuBrock, Flinn, Graack, Halblander, Harkovich, Rice, Shimon-Hutchison, Williams.

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

VIII. New Business.

- A. Approval of Payment of Vendor Checks Report and ACH Payments in the amount of \$223,573.29.

MOTION by Dubrock out of Committee to Approve Payment of Vendor Checks and ACH Payments in the amount of \$223,573.29 as listed on the vendor checks report of December 2025 and authorize Director Laurie Papadourakis to transfer the amount required to the Library's operating account. Roll Call

AYES: DuBrock, Flinn, Graack, Halblander, Harkovich, Rice, Shimon-Hutchison, Williams.

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

IX. Other

Finance Committee Chair DuBrock announced standing quarterly Finance meetings will be held going forward. The first meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, just prior to the regular board meeting at 7 p.m. She announced that 2026 financial statements will report three years of numbers (current year, plus two prior years) to better demonstrate year-to-date variances and trends.

X. Announcements.

Director Papadourakis stated that she anticipates receiving the 2<sup>nd</sup> Installment of Cook County Taxes (due in Fall 2025) within the next three weeks.

She also pointed to the outstanding year end statistics for attendance, programming, usage and circulation as evidence that DPPL is delivering the products and services the residents of Des Plaines find relevant and useful.

She thanked the Friends of the Library for their outstanding contributions to the Library in 2025, including from monthly revenue exceeding \$1,000 from the ongoing book sale shelves.

XI. Correspondence.

None.

XII. Executive session: Legal Matters (Pending Litigation/Imminent Claims).

MOTION by Flinn, seconded by Rice, to enter Executive Session.

AYES: DuBrock, Flinn, Halblander, Harkovich, Rice, Shimon-Hutchison, Williams.

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:16 p.m.

MOTION by DuBrock, seconded by Shimon-Hutchison, to exit Executive Session.

AYES: DuBrock, Flinn, Halblander, Harkovich, Rice, Shimon-Hutchison, Williams.

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

The Board exited Executive Session at 7:27 p.m.

### XIII. Adjournment.

MOTION by Williams, seconded by Harkovich, to adjourn.

AYES: DuBrock, Flinn, Halblander, Harkovich, Rice, Shimon-Hutchison, Williams.

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.