



DES PLAINES PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Thursday, February 19, 2026
5:00 p.m. in Meeting Room B

I. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m.

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.

ABSENT: Dr. Gregory Sarlo, Dr. Megan Williams.

ALSO PRESENT: Director Laurie Papadourakis, Joanie Sebastian, Heather Imhoff, Michelle Meyer-Edley, John Leach.

II. Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Vote to invoke the Remote Participation Policy.

N/A.

IV. Consideration of the Agenda.

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

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

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

V. Public Comments and Questions.

None.

VI. Consent Agenda.

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – January 2026.

B. Acceptance of Financial Reports for January 2026.

C. Acceptance of Reports.

1. Statistics Report for January 2026.

2. Director's Report for January 2026.

MOTION by DuBrock, seconded by Shimon-Hutchison to accept the Consent Agenda.

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

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

VII. New Business.

- A. Approval of Payment of Vendor Checks Report and ACH Payments in the amount of \$370,202.34.

MOTION by DuBrock, seconded by Rice, to Approve Payment of Vendor Checks and ACH Payments in the amount of \$370,202.34 as listed on the vendor checks report of January 2026 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.

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

- B. Approval of DPPL's annual IPLAR report.

MOTION by DuBrock, seconded by Rice, to accept the IPLAR report as presented.

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

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

- C. Discussion of reported statistics.

Trustees discussed the statistics collected and then reported a monthly basis. They agreed to review the current report and determine what may be added or eliminated in order to best measure the library's progress toward strategic goals and other key market and community trends. An ad hoc committee comprised of members of the Planning Committee, chaired by trustee Flinn.

VIII. Other.

Director Papadourakis reported that the library successfully served as a warming center for the community on Friday, January 23rd. We plan on continuing to provide that service in the future, when called upon.

Trustees were reminded to complete the annual state-mandated Anti-Harassment training.

DPPL has now received the bulk of the outstanding 2nd installment tax revenues, due to the library in 2025.

IX. Announcements.

Trustees are reminded of required anti-harassment training, due in March.

Trustees are invited to attend the Annual Mayor's Breakfast on Thursday, March 19th.

X. Correspondence.

DPPL was awarded a \$10,000 grant from The Carnegie Foundation in celebration of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

XI. Adjournment.

MOTION by DuBrock seconded by Rice, to adjourn.

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

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m.