



DES PLAINES PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 16, 2026

I. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

II. Roll Call.

Roll call indicated the following Trustees were

PRESENT: Lisa DuBrock, Robert Flinn, Kristen Graack (remote), Christine Halblander, Nicholas Harkovich, Rachel Rice (remote), Dr. Gregory Sarlo (remote), Dr. Megan Williams.

ABSENT: Michelle Shimon-Hutchison.

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 Halblander, seconded by DuBrock, to invoke the Remote Participation Policy.

AYES: DuBrock, Flinn, Halblander, Harkovich, 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, Sarlo, Williams.

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

VI. Public Comments and Questions.

None

VII. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – March 2026.
- B. Acceptance of Financial Reports for March 2026.
- C. Acceptance of Reports.
 - 1. Statistics Report for March 2026.
 - 2. Director's Report for March 2026.

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

AYES: DuBrock, Flinn, Graack, Halblander, Harkovich, Rice, Sarlo, Williams.

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

VIII. New Business.

- A. Approval of Payment of Vendor Checks Report and ACH Payments in the amount of \$196,335.12.

MOTION by DuBrock to approve payment of vendor checks and ACH Payments in the amount of \$196,335.12 as listed on the vendor checks report of March 2026 and authorize Director Laurie Papadourakis to transfer the amount required to the Library's operating account.

AYES: DuBrock, Flinn, Graack, Halblander, Harkovich, Rice, Sarlo, Williams.

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

- B. Review of an AI enterprise solution.

Director Papadourakis provided an overview of HATZ AI, the enterprise solution DPPL staff will use to access and utilize AI. This monthly subscription service provides access for an unlimited number of employee users and provides broad access to all major AI platforms, with enterprise grade security and data protection. HATZ will begin being rolled out to employees beginning in May.

- C. Report out from the Finance Committee.

Finance Committee Chair DuBrock reported that the Committee met prior to the Board meeting and reviewed the details of the latest Financial Report as well as the way all the different components of it relate to one another. The committee agreed to hold a quarterly meeting to review and then report out of the Financial Status of the library.

IX. Other.

- A. Announcement of 2026/2027 Officer Nominating Committee.

Dr. Sarlo announced that Trustees Williams and Shimon-Hutchison have been named to the Nominating Committee, tasked with fielding and then presenting an approved slate of officer candidates at the May Board Meeting.

B. Update on the Statistics and Director Reports.

Trustee Flinn shared that he met with library staff to discuss updates to the Director's Report and Statistics Report to ensure that all areas and strategic initiatives in DPPL's Strategic Plan are represented and reported on. It was decided that the Director's Report will continue to be shared monthly. The Statistics Report will be shared and reviewed quarterly to better identify and discuss trends and emerging themes.

X. Announcements.

Director Papadourakis invited all to attend the 1st Anniversary Celebration of The Canvas on Sunday, April 26th.

She also invited trustees to join her at the annual Memorial Day ceremony on May 25th at Lake Opeka.

XI. Correspondence.

A child's letter to DPPL's popular mascot, Rocky, as well as Rocky's reply, was shared.

XII. Adjournment.

MOTION by DuBrock, seconded by Williams, to Adjourn.

AYES: DuBrock, Flinn, Graack, Halblander, Harkovich, Rice, Sarlo, Williams.

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.