



DES PLAINES PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes of the Regular Meeting Thursday, April 17, 2025

I. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

II. Roll Call.

Roll call indicated the following trustees were PRESENT: Dr. Gregory Sarlo, Kristen Graack, Denise Hudec, Lisa DuBrock, Robert Flinn, Christine Halblander, Nick Harkovich, Rachel Rice, Michelle Shimon-Hutchison. ALSO PRESENT: DPPL Staff Laurie Papadourakis, Heather Imhoff, Joanie Sebastian, Michelle Meyer-Edley, Lauren Wolf. Friends of the Library President John Leach.

III. Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Vote to invoke the Remote Participation Policy.

MOTION by Harkovich, seconded by Rice, to invoke the Remote Participation Policy. AYES: Graack, Flinn, Halblander, Harkovich, Hudec, Rice, Sarlo, Shimon-Hutchison. NAYS: none. MOTION CARRIED.

V. Consideration of the Agenda.

MOTION by Graack, seconded by Hudec, to accept the Agenda. AYES: DuBrock, Graack, Flinn, Halblander, Harkovich, Hudec, Rice, Sarlo, Shimon-Hutchison. NAYS: none. MOTION CARRIED.

VI. Public Comments and Questions.

None.

VII. Consent Agenda.

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – March 2025.

- B. Acceptance of Financial Reports for March 2025.
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1. Statistics Report for March 2025.
 2. Director's Report for March 2025.

MOTION by Graack, seconded by Hudec, to accept the consent agenda. AYES: DuBrock, Graack, Flinn, Halblander, Harkovich, Hudec, Rice, Sarlo, Shimon-Hutchison. NAYS: none. MOTION CARRIED.

VIII. New Business.

- A. Approve Payment of Vendor Checks Report and ACH Payments in the amount of \$246,841.11.

MOTION by Hudec, seconded by Graack to Approve Payment of Vendor Checks and ACH Payments in the amount of \$246,841.11 as listed on the vendor checks report of March 2025 and authorize Director Papadourakis to transfer the amount required to the Library's operating account.

AYES: DuBrock, Graack, Flinn, Halblander, Harkovich, Hudec, Rice, Sarlo, Shimon-Hutchison. NAYS: none. MOTION CARRIED.

- B. Authorize the removal of retiring Library Director Jo Bonell from all financial accounts for the Des Plaines Public Library, as of February 14, 2025, and authorize the addition of Laurie Papadourakis to all financial accounts for the Des Plaines Public Library beginning March 21, 2025, when she was appointed the new Library Director.

MOTION by Hudec, seconded by Graack to authorize the removal of retiring Library Director Jo Bonell from all financial accounts for the Des Plaines Public Library, as of February 14, 2025, and to authorize the addition of Laurie Papadourakis to all financial accounts for the Des Plaines Public Library beginning March 21, 2025 when she was appointed the new Executive Director. AYES: DuBrock, Graack, Flinn, Halblander, Harkovich, Hudec, Rice, Sarlo, Shimon-Hutchison. NAYS: none. MOTION CARRIED.

- C. Executive Session for The Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the public body.

MOTION by Harkovich, seconded by Halblander, to enter Executive Session. AYES: DuBrock, Graack, Flinn, Halblander, Harkovich, Hudec, Rice, Sarlo, Shimon-Hutchison. NAYS: none. MOTION CARRIED.

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:10 p.m.

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

AYES: DuBrock, Graack, Flinn, Halblander, Harkovich, Hudec, Rice, Sarlo, Shimon-Hutchison. NAYS: none. MOTION CARRIED.

The Board exited Executive Session at 7:45 p.m.

MOTION by Graack, seconded by Halblander, to accept the proposal made by Executive Director Laurie Papadourakis, as discussed. AYES: DuBrock, Graack, Flinn, Halblander, Harkovich, Hudec, Rice, Sarlo, Shimon-Hutchison. NAYS: none. MOTION CARRIED.

IX. Announcements.

Copies of filed Trustee Statements of Economic Interest are to be provided to the City of Des Plaines. Trustees are to forward to Heather Imhoff, who will send to the City.

Director Papadourakis reported on funding risks faced by libraries due to recent presidential executive orders. DPPL is in no direct risk of losing funding at this time.

Papadourakis welcomed Joanie Sebastian as DPPL's new Assistant Director.

Papadourakis announced she visited and met with residents at Alderman Sayad and Alderman Charowitz's ward meetings in March and April.

X. Correspondence.

None.

XI. Adjournment.

MOTION by Graack, seconded by Shimon-Hutchison, to adjourn. AYES: DuBrock, Graack, Flinn, Halblander, Harkovich, Hudec, Rice, Sarlo, Shimon-Hutchison. NAYS: none. MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.