

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FEBRUARY 11, 2026**

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following Trustees were present in person: Trustees Kory Atkinson, Ashok Dhiman, Lauren Dixon, Ben Hoyle, Ken Johnson, Sharon Karpiel and Natalie Valenti. Also Present: Director Timothy Jarzemsky and Abby Budzynski, Adult Services Department Head.

III. PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The February Board Meeting Agenda was reviewed. Trustee Atkinson moved, and Trustee Dixon seconded **the motion**, that the agenda of the February 11, 2026 Regular Library Board meeting be approved. The motion carried by voice vote.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January Board meeting were reviewed. Trustee Karpiel moved, and Trustee Johnson seconded **the motion**, that the minutes of the January 14, 2026 Regular Library Board meeting be approved as amended. The motion carried by voice vote.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Trustee Johnson moved and Trustee Dhiman seconded **the motion**, that the Board approve the payment of bills for the month of February 2026, in the amount of \$159,746.58 and the transfer of approximately \$340,000.00 for bills and salaries. The motion carried by roll call vote: AYES: Trustees Dhiman, Karpiel, Johnson, Hoyle, Valenti, Dixon and Atkinson.

VII. REPORTS

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Attachment C shows the activities for the month of January. "Get Wrapped Up in a Good Book!," BPL's Winter Reading program concluded on January 31st. Kids, teens, adults, and the staff & board were able to participate in the program.

VII. REPORTS (Continued)

MONTHLY STATISTICS

Attachment D shows the activities for the month of January. Circulation is slightly down overall at 20,694 in January 2026.

STANDING COMMITTEES

PERSONNEL – Minutes from the Personnel meeting on 2/7/26 with President Hoyle, Secretary Dixon, and Director Jarzemsky will be discussed later in the agenda.

POLICY – The Policy committee will need to convene soon to discuss the newly created programming policy and discuss other policies that need review.

FINANCE – No report.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS – The LED Lighting project is complete. The final punch list will take place soon; one item will be replacement of all damaged ceiling tiles.

LIAISON REPORTS

SWAN/RAILS – Attachment F shows the SWAN budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2027. The projected total SWAN fee for BPL is \$1,394.

VILLAGE – No report.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY- Attachment G shows a November-January recap. The Friends included their budget plan for annual gifts to support the library. We thank the Friends for their continued support of the library and their continued support of Summer Reading.

BIG – Attachment H shows a recap of the BIG meeting from 1/22/26. BPL will host the next BIG meeting in April.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS

Director Jarzemsky provided the Board with the letter from Gwen Henry, DuPage County Treasurer, which shows the annual statement of 2024 Levy collected and distributed to the Library.

IX. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

LIBRARY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS- ADULT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Each Department Head will report at an upcoming Board meeting. The schedule was previously distributed at the July Board meeting. The goal of the presentation is to give the Board a first-hand look at each department. Director Jarzemsky introduced Abby Budzynski, Adult Services Department Head. Abby presented information about the Adult Services department including Adult Services staff, reference desk, Readers' Advisory, adult and teen programming, senior services and outreach, local history, and current goals and projects. She answered questions from the board, and they thanked Abby for her report.

Removal from Roll: Abby Budzynski, Adult Services Department Head, left the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

PER CAPITA GRANT APPROVED BY STATE LIBRARY

Director Jarzemsky was pleased to report that BPL has successfully completed and submitted our Per Capita Grant application on 1/16/26; thus, fulfilling the regulatory obligation to the Illinois State Library.

LONG RANGE PLAN REVIEW

No changes to the draft that were provided.

SET MAX RAISE FOR FY 2026/27

The determination of the percentage of raises is a necessary component of the budget process. The salary program is a combination of the cost of living and merit raises. Director Jarzemsky explained how raises are given to employees and how employees receive a raise based on evaluation scores. The data that the Personnel Committee reviewed included recent inflation data, HR industry reports, and cost of living as well as raises that local libraries are planning. President Hoyle and Secretary Dixon met as the Personnel Committee on 2/7/26 and a discussion took place concerning the data provided. Their recommendation is a maximum raise of up to 4%.

The Board reviewed their recommendation. Trustee Atkinson moved and Trustee Dhiman seconded **the motion**, to approve a maximum raise of up to 4% for fiscal year 2026/2027. The motion carried by roll call vote: AYES: Trustees Dhiman, Karpziel, Johnson, Hoyle, Valenti, Dixon and Atkinson.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Love our Veterans Drive- During the month of February, donations of Move in Essentials will be accepted at the Bloomingdale Village Hall, BPL, Fire Department, and Park District (JRC) facilities. Donated items will be provided to Veterans who are exiting homelessness.

XI. AGENDA BUILDING FOR THE MARCH MEETING

No suggestions were made for March’s meeting.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Dixon moved and Trustee Valenti seconded **the motion** to adjourn the February 11, 2026 Library Board meeting at 8:09 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes approved by:

Secretary

President

Date: _____

(Minutes recorded by Jamie Schingoethe)