

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Hoyle at 7:00 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 Karpriel and Natalie Valenti. Also Present: Director Timothy Jarzemsky.

**III. PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS**

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the February Board meeting were reviewed. Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Karpriel 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 March 2026, in the amount of \$68,573.53 and the transfer of approximately \$250,000.00 for bills and salaries. The motion carried by roll call vote: AYES: Trustees Dhiman, Karpriel, Johnson, Hoyle, Valenti, Dixon and Atkinson.

**VII. REPORTS**

**LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**

Attachment C shows the activities for the month of February. Seventy-seven patrons stopped by the puzzle exchange on February 21<sup>st</sup>. Patrons were able to take home a "new-to-you" puzzle to enjoy and could drop off up to 10 gently used jigsaw puzzles (300+ pieces) before the exchange at the Adult Reference Desk, or on the day of the event. For each puzzle dropped off, patrons received a coupon for a "new-to-you" puzzle to use at the exchange. January 5<sup>th</sup> through February 9<sup>th</sup>, BPL collected 708 cards during our

## **VII. REPORTS (Continued)**

annual Valentines for Veterans program. Patrons, staff, schools and community groups were asked to make Valentines for Veterans. These were then delivered to local VA hospitals. During the month of February, the “Love Our Vets” collection drive took place, donations of move in essentials were accepted at BPL, Village Hall, the Fire Department and Park District. A large quantity was collected by the library. The donated items will be provided to veterans who are exiting homelessness. Members of VFW post 7539 thanked the Library and public for their continued support.

### **MONTHLY STATISTICS**

Attachment D shows the activities for the month of February including an explanation for the temporary removal of owned eBook and eAudiobook copies from attachment d.

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

**PERSONNEL** – No report.

**POLICY** – Draft copies of the new paid parental leave and programming policy were distributed to the policy committee members for consideration. A final draft will be presented at an upcoming board meeting for approval.

**FINANCE** – No report.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS** – Attachment E shows the tentative schedule for the emergency generator replacement project. A pre-construction meeting with Homestead Electric in April, after which a more detailed and accurate timeline will be shared. To safely install the new generator and transfer switches, the building will need to be fully disconnected from ComEd power for a period of time. While we will work to minimize any impact on library operations, this step will likely require temporarily closing the library during that phase of the project. The Board will be kept informed as the schedule is refined.

### **LIAISON REPORTS**

**SWAN/RAILS** – No report.

**VILLAGE** – No report.

**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY**- No report.

**BIG** – BPL will host the next BIG meeting on 4/23/26 at noon; the entire board is invited to attend.

## **VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

### **APPROVAL OF THREE-YEAR AUDIT ENGAGEMENT WITH LAUTERBACH AND AMEN LLP.**

The Board reviewed the three-year audit engagement memo and letter from Lauterbach and Amen LLP. The Library's auditing services contract with Lauterbach and Amen LLP (L&A) has recently expired. State statute requires the Library to engage a licensed CPA firm to perform an annual audit. Currently, the Library and the Village of Bloomingdale (VOB) each maintain separate, independently procured audit engagements with L&A. Consolidating these services with the same firm generates administrative and operational efficiencies. Trustee Valenti moved and Trustee Dhiman seconded **the motion**, that the Board approve Lauterbach and Amen, LLP. for a three-year audit engagement contract. The motion carried by roll call vote: AYES: Trustees Dhiman, Karpiel, Johnson, Hoyle, Valenti, Dixon and Atkinson.

### **DEMONSTRATION OF LONG RANGE PLAN WEB INTERFACE**

The Board viewed a new web interface format for the Long Range Plan. The final draft will be presented at an upcoming meeting for approval.

### **TENTATIVE FY2026/2027 DRAFT BUDGET**

A tentative draft budget was distributed to the Board. A more detailed budget and discussion will take place at the April Board meeting. The budget is anticipated to be approved at the May Board meeting.

### **DIRECTOR'S EVALUATION DOCUMENTS**

The Director's potential goals for the next fiscal year were distributed. The goals were continued or newly suggested at the Annual Planning meeting. The Director's evaluation instructions were given to the Board to prepare for the April Board meeting.

### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE- DIGITAL LIBRARY PRTECTION ACT**

The Digital Library Protection Act, House Bill 5236, aims to prevent publishers from imposing unfair restrictions on libraries when licensing eBooks, digital audiobooks, and other electronic literary materials. The Digital Library Protection Act provides that no publisher shall enter into a contract or license agreement to distribute electronic literary materials to a library that: (1) restricts the library from performing customary operational functions; (2) restricts the library from performing customary lending functions; (3) restricts the library from disclosing the terms of the contract or license agreement to any other library in the State; or (4) requires the library to violate the Library Records Confidentiality Act. Provides that a violation of the Act constitutes an unlawful practice under the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act. Provides that any

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contract to license electronic literary materials to a library that includes a provision prohibited under the Act is deemed unenforceable and void. Amends the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act to make a conforming change.

**X. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**XI. AGENDA BUILDING FOR THE APRIL MEETING**

No suggestions were made for April's meeting.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Valenti moved and Trustee Dixon seconded **the motion** to adjourn the March 11, 2026 Library Board meeting at 8:13 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes approved by:

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Secretary

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President

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Minutes recorded by Jamie Schingoethe)