

FOX RIVER GROVE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at the Library, 407 Lincoln Avenue, Fox River Grove

MINUTES

SWEARING IN OF ELECTED & RE-ELECTED BOARD TRUSTEES – Miller, Christianson, and Meshes each gave the Oath of Office and were sworn in by Notary Public Kaiser.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL – 6:30 by Vice President Bunton. Miller, Christianson, Meshes, Gipson, and Director Komala present. Augle and Cooper absent.

ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2025-2027 - Gipson moved to approve slate of new officers as President Augle, Vice President Bunton, Secretary Miller, and Treasurer Meshes. Miller seconded. Roll call vote. All ayes. Augle and Cooper absent.

INPUT FROM CITIZENS – Bridgett Kaiser, Adult and Technical Services Manager, and Kelly Johnson, Youth Services Manager, were present.

CORRESPONDENCE AND LIBRARY NEWS – All correspondence discussed.

- 1) 2025 Distribution Schedule for 2024 Real Estate Taxes – Komala noted no delays expected, first distribution expected by end of month.
- 2) Attorney Memo: Chronology for Financial Ordinances – Komala noted she determines which regular meeting dates align with the financial ordinances deadlines.
- 3) Publishers Weekly Article: NEA Literary Grants Terminated, Staff Depart as Trump Proposes Eliminating the Agency – Komala provided the article as library adjacent news. President Trump's proposed budget to Congress has no funding for the National Endowment for the Arts nor the Institute of Museum and Library Services.
- 4) Articles re: May 8, 2025, Firing of Librarian of Congress – Komala noted the Library of Congress provides an important research function for Congress.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Items to be included in Consent Agenda
 - a. Treasurer's Report Including Transfer of Funds Totaling \$36,000 for April Bills and Two Payrolls
 - b. Minutes from the March 18, 2025 Regular Board Meeting
 - c. Regular Board Meeting Dates 2025-2026
 - d. Holidays and Closings 2025-2026
- 2) Consent Agenda Approval (voice vote) – Christianson moved to approve. Meshes seconded. Roll call vote. All ayes. Augle and Cooper absent.

SPECIAL REPORTS

- 1) Trustee Liaisons
- 2) Library Director + District Calendar – Komala noted the June/July 2025 newsletter should be in mailboxes by end of week. Summer Reading begins Tuesday, May 27.
- 3) Youth Services – Bunton thought the District 3 art show was amazing. She noted the two new staff in the department: programmer Selkie Bodmer and clerk Alyssa Klusek.
- 4) Adult Services – Bunton loved all the pictures in the report.
- 5) IT Services
- 6) Mobile App

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (all possible action items)

- 1) 2025 Statements of Economic Interests – Komala will provide the County Clerk with the updated trustee and officer information. Meshes should expect to receive an email to submit the 2025 Statement of Economic Interest form. Cooper's title will be updated.
- 2) March 14, 2025, Executive Order re: IMLS – Komala provided news articles, including the Chicago Tribune with mention of RAILS delivery potentially being impacted.
- 3) Bylaws Revisions – Komala and policy liaison Gipson worked on revisions. Komala noted the new Bylaws have been restructured to have a better flow and cite Illinois library statutes.

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NEW BUSINESS (all possible action items)

- 1) Resolution to Open Accounts and Add Signers at Cary Bank & Trust for the Fox River Grove Public Library District – Komala reiterated BMO's customer service problems, as have been discussed at previous meetings. After research and meetings at local banks and consultation with finance liaison and previous Vice President Cooper, Komala recommended that the Library open two checking accounts (librarian and main) at Cary Bank & Trust. The Library's savings account will remain at Illinois Funds. Christianson moved to approve. Miller seconded. Roll call vote. All ayes. Augle and Cooper absent.
- 2) Resolution to Update Agents for Regular Banking Procedures for the Fox River Grove Public Library District – Gipson moved to approve. Miller seconded. Roll call vote. All ayes. Augle and Cooper absent.
- 3) Updated Trustee Contact Information – Komala distributed updated trustee contact information. Komala will submit to the McHenry County Clerk and Illinois State Librarian, in compliance with the Public Library District Act.
- 4) Trustee Liaison Assignments – Meshes was assigned finance liaison per the bylaws tying it to the Board Treasurer. Cooper will become the public services liaison.
- 5) Engagement Contract for 2024-2025 Audit from ATA Group – Komala noted no increase in fee from 2023-2024 Audit. Gipson moved to approve. Christianson seconded. Roll call vote. All ayes. Augle and Cooper absent.
- 6) Plan C.O.W. Spring Facility Walkthrough – Komala proposed the walkthrough be an agenda item on the June 17, 2025 regular meeting rather than a separate committee of the whole meeting.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS – Miller welcomed Meshes to the board and everyone else back to the board for a new season following the April consolidated election. Bunton gave kudos to the staff for handling the ARS field trips that went well despite the weather and some busing issues. Miller noted the next regular board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the Library. The annual facility walkthrough will take place during this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT – Christianson moved to adjourn at 7:13 p.m. Meshes seconded. All in favor. All ayes. Augle and Cooper absent.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Augle, President

Stephen Miller, Secretary