Indian Prairie Public Library
Board of Trustees Minutes
Regular Meeting of June 17, 2026

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
June 17, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.

A. Roll Call
President Suriano called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Secretary Palmisano called the roll.
Present: Marian Krupicka, Stacy Palmisano, Themis Raftis, Christina Rodriguez, Victoria Suriano, Samia Wahab
Absent: Donald Damon
Staff Present: Laura Birmingham, Kristen Lawson, Maria Wlosinski, Jamie Allard
Others: none

President Suriano asked for additions and/or corrections to the agenda. There were none.

B. Mission Statement: Secretary Palmisano read the library mission statement. We enrich our community by providing opportunities to explore, connect, learn, and create.

Vision Statement: Secretary Palmisano read the library vision statement. People are inspired and empowered. Dreams are developed and realized.

Values Statement: Secretary Palmisano read the library values statement. We value and respect the individual. We empower and guide each visitor. We aspire to bring people together.

C. Public Comment

D. Communications and Announcements
1. Secretary of State to Lawson re: Security Grant
2. Cook County to Birmingham re: Tax Disbursements
3. Tribune Article re: Cook County Taxes
4. Tribune Article re: Cook County Treasurer

E. Omnibus Consent Agenda
1. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, May 20, 2026
2. Action on Bills/Additional Bills
3. Ordinance #2026-2 Establishing a Regular Meeting Date
4. Determination to Dispose of Property
Krupicka moved, Palmisano seconded to approve the Omnibus Consent Agenda. Ayes: Krupicka, Palmisano, Raftis, Rodriguez, Suriano, Wahab. Nayes: none. Absent: Damon. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Items Deleted from Omnibus Consent Agenda - none

G. Library Director's Report
On Friday we got the good news that the library was awarded a $9,000 security grant that Lawson wrote and later that day we received word that we were awarded the Per Capita Grant in the amount of $74,616. The grant is $9,616 more than Birmingham had forecasted. Niki Conforti cancelled her campaign meet and greet for tonight at the library due to weather.

H. Department Reports
Palmisano noted that it's wonderful to see library events like summer reading on the Darien digital display. The Board agreed that the summer reading yard signs we placed around the library and in the local parks look great and the Trustee table at our Summer Reading kickoff was a wonderful idea.

I. Staff Report – Jamie Allard, Administrative Specialist & Art Gallery Curator, spoke to the Board about community connections. In addition to her administrative duties, Allard is the library's Art Gallery Curator. She welcomes returning artists and actively seeks new talent, including library staff. She has increased school participation like showcasing College of DuPage architectural students. She strategically ties in themes with our library events such as collaborating artists for Black History Month and the Darien Garden Club at the start of the gardening season. Twice a year she works with the Darien Woman's Club and Vitalant to host a blood drive and she's working on creating a centralized landing page for all Darien blood drives to streamline donor registration. Other community events she has coordinated include: the annual soap drive with the Darien Woman's Club, a food drive with the Darien Lyon's Club and the Knights of Columbus, free back-to-school vision exams with Pearle Vision, a Child Identification Kit event with local police, Icash Unclaimed Property programs with the Illinois Treasurer's office, and a recurring purse drive with Senator Curran's office. Birmingham said that Allard does an amazing job. Krupicka noted that Allard is a great contact for making community drives successful.

J. Reports
1. Treasurer's Report – backup in packet.
2. Building and Grounds Committee – no report
3. Finance Committee – Raftis reported that the committee met on 6/9. They discussed and agreed to try a new newsletter mailing plan that will save the library $31,000. They also reviewed the 26/27 budget and salary schedule, and the financial forecast.
4. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes, 6/9/26 - Raftis moved, Rodriguez seconded to approve the Finance Committee Minutes 6/9/26. Ayes: Krupicka, Palmisano, Raftis, Rodriguez, Suriano, Wahab. Nayes: none. Absent: Damon. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Planning/Outreach Committee – no report
6. Policy Committee – no report

K. Unfinished Business - none

L. New Business
1. Newsletter Mailing – Birmingham gave an overview of the new plan. Starting with the December 2026–February 2027 newsletter, we will no longer mail a 16-page newsletter to district households. Instead, a 16-page newsletter published four times a year will be available online and in the library. This change is needed due to the rising cost of postage (we already mail the newsletter by the cheapest route possible, nonprofit bulk mail). In addition to the rising cost, the post office has up to 28 days to deliver bulk mail or to not deliver it at all. Some residents complain that they never receive a mailed copy. Also, bulk mail is not delivered to individual apartment and condo buildings - instead, a bundle is

dropped and residents have to take one if they're interested. Besides having the 16-page newsletter available online and in the library, we will do a 4-page mailing to households twice a year (fall and spring). These changes will save the library $31,000. We'll be educating our guests about the change in the fall newsletter and we'll encourage patrons to sign up for our Enews. Suriano suggested that Birmingham prepare talking points for staff and Trustees.

2. Operating Budget 2026/2027 - Raftis moved, Palmisano seconded to approve the Operating Budget 2026/2027. Ayes: Krupicka, Palmisano, Raftis, Rodriguez, Suriano, Wahab. Nayes: none. Absent: Damon. Motion carried unanimously.
3. FY26/27 Salary Schedule – The proposed salary schedule contains a 2% increase. Raftis moved, Palmisano seconded to approve FY26/27 Salary Schedule. Ayes: Krupicka, Palmisano, Raftis, Rodriguez, Suriano, Wahab. Nayes: none. Absent: Damon. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Appoint Committee to Review Closed Session Minutes and Complete Secretary's Audit – Krupicka and Suriano will be on the committee.

   At this point, Suriano told the Board that she's resigning as President, but she will be staying on the Board. Unfortunately, she is no longer able to commit the time to being President. A nominating committee will be needed to recommend a slate of officers. Krupicka, Wahab, and Palmisano volunteered to be on the committee.

M. Scheduled Meetings

A Nominating Committee meeting was scheduled for July 6 at 6:30 p.m.

N. Adjournment

At 7:17 p.m. Wahab moved, Raftis seconded to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: Krupicka, Palmisano, Raftis, Rodriguez, Suriano, Wahab. Nayes: none. Absent: Damon. Motion carried unanimously.

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Stacy Palmisano, Secretary