

**MINUTES**  
**PARK RIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
Held at the Park Ridge Public Library  
20 S. Prospect Avenue  
Park Ridge, IL 60068  
March 16, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Renaldi called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Trustees Present: Anita DeFrank, Michael Donahue, Kevin Haggerty, Briana Jarnagin (7:02p.m.), Josh Kiem, Danielle Powers, Theresa Renaldi, Deepika Thiagarajan  
Trustees Absent: Gregg Rusk  
Others Present: Joanna Bertucci, Library Director, Joan Wrenn; Library Staff  
Gregg Rusk (via telephone)

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

President Renaldi directed the Board's attention to the list of items on the Consent Agenda and stated that if a trustee(s) would like an item removed from Consent, the item will be removed for further discussion after the Consent Agenda is approved. No requests were made for removal of items from Consent.

The following items are included on the Consent Agenda:

- Approval of Minutes of the February 17, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Library Board
- Ratify Bills Payable Warrant Register for Period 2, February 16, 2026, in the amount of \$145,178.62 and Period 2, February 27, 2026 in the amount of \$132,186.38
- Approve Cash Statement for all accounts for February 2026
- Ratify disbursements from the Gift Fund, \$596.04
- Approve the Statement of Work prepared by OSG for the network separation project in the amount of \$14,800
- Approve the Photography, Video and Audio Recording Policy, Website Policy, Social Media Policy, Meeting Rooms Policy, Charity Collection Container Policy, Media Lab Policy, Community Bulletin Board Policy, and the Display Case and Exhibits Policy, as revised
- Discontinue the Library's subscription to the Hoopla platform in FY26

Trustee Thiagarajan made a **motion**

**MOTION:** To approve the Consent Agenda

Vice President Powers seconded the motion

Roll Call Vote: Yes: DeFrank, Donahue, Haggerty, Jarnagin, Kiem, Powers, Renaldi, Thiagarajan  
Absent: Rusk

**Motion passed**

**TREASURERS REPORT**

Treasurer Donahue directed the Board's attention to page 37 of the packet and the Consolidated YTD Revenue and Expenditures Report for FY26 Period 2. Treasurer Donahue noted that a portion of the second installment of 2024 tax revenue has been received, but Director Bertucci noted that the revenue has not yet been recorded in MUNIS as the City waits for reports from Cook County to indicate proper allocation of the funds. Total expenditures through February are at 13% of budget.

Treasurer Donahue made a **motion**

**MOTION:** To approve the Consolidated Year to Date Revenue and Expenditures Report for FY26 Period 2

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President Renaldi seconded the motion

Roll Call Vote: Yes: DeFrank, Donahue, Haggerty, Jarnagin, Kiem, Powers, Renaldi, Thiagarajan  
Absent: Rusk

**Motion passed**

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Secretary Kiem's directed the Board's attention to each of the PRPL website and press articles included in the Secretary's report on page 39 of the packet.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Bertucci reviewed the director's report beginning on page 40 of the packet. The new format reflects each of the strategic plan goals and also provides updates on operations occurring throughout the month. Director Bertucci updated the Board on proposed legislation, the Digital Library Protection Act (HB5236) which addresses the publishers' pricing strategies and their restrictive licensing practices for digital materials such as eBooks and audiobooks. The proposed legislation would prohibit publishers from restricting libraries' ability to set loan periods, charging libraries more than the consumer price for digital titles, or limiting the number of licenses a library may purchase once a title is publicly available.

In response to a question from Trustee Kiem regarding any upcoming IT projects, Director Bertucci noted that the network separation project was originally proposed by OSG in November, 2025 but funding for the project wasn't available until 2026. She will make the Board aware of any additional project(s) on the horizon.

**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REPORT**

Director Bertucci reported that the Friends did not submit a report this month. She did note that the Friends will again this year, be working with the local Boy Scouts troop on a book drive, prior to the Friends' spring sale.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Vice President Powers made a

**MOTION:** To adjourn the meeting

Trustee DeFrank seconded the motion

Voice Vote: Yes: All in favor

**Motion passed**

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.