

MINUTES
PARK RIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Held at Park Ridge City Hall
505 Butler Place
Park Ridge, IL 60068
April 21, 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, Josh Kiem (7:09 pm),
Danielle Powers, Theresa Renaldi, Gregg Rusk, Deepika Thiagarajan

Others Present: Joanna Bertucci, Library Director, Angela Berger, Lauren Bochat, Joan Wrenn; Library
Staff

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. Trustee Rusk inquired about the \$12,000 amount indicated on page 86 of the packet for the Per Capita Grant that does not appear on the Agenda for Period 3, March 31, 2026. Director Bertucci replied that as requested by the grant auditor from the State Library, the \$12,000 was removed from the warrants total and shown as an individual breakout line for the Per Capita Grant. This will be removed from Consent and approved separately.

The following items are now included on the Consent Agenda:

- Approval of Minutes of the March 16, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Library Board
- Approve Cash Statement for all accounts for March 2026
- Ratify disbursements from the Gift Fund, \$868.86
- Approve the 2025 Annual Report
- Approve The Studio Policy, as revised

President Renaldi made a **motion**

MOTION: To approve the Consent Agenda

Vice President Powers seconded the motion

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

Absent: Kiem

Motion passed

Trustee Rusk made a **motion**

MOTION: To Ratify Bills Payable-Warrant Register totals for March 16, 2026 as they appear on the Board Agenda and to Ratify Warrant Register totals for March 31, 2026 as they appear on page 86 of the packet which includes \$12,000 for the Per Capita Grant Fund.

President Renaldi seconded the motion

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

Absent: Kiem

Motion passed

TREASURERS REPORT

Treasurer Donahue directed the Board's attention to page 10 of the packet and the Consolidated YTD Revenue and Expenditures Report for FY26 Period 3. Director Bertucci noted that approximately 86% of 2024 tax revenue and

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70% of the first installment of 2025 taxes have been received but Cook County has not sent reports to properly allocate funds between tax years. Director Bertucci has been in discussions with the City's Finance Director, Chris Lipman, and the City is not booking revenue in MUNIS until they receive the necessary reports from Cook County. In the interim, the library has access to the funds received and they appear on the Library's Balance Sheet but not on the Revenue and Expenditures Report.

Treasurer Donahue made a **motion**

MOTION: To approve the Consolidated Year to Date Revenue and Expenditures Report for FY26 Period 3
President Renaldi seconded the motion

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

Motion passed

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Kiem directed the Board's attention to each of the PRPL website and press articles included in the Secretary's report on page 12 of the packet.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Bertucci reviewed the director's report beginning on page 13 of the packet. She noted that with regard to the space analysis project, it's been determined that there is more shelving than expected that can be repurposed to support the marketplace plan and this will result in significant cost savings. Mr. Vinjamuri will attend the May COW meetings via Zoom to discuss his findings and recommendations with the Board. To accommodate his presentation, the cybersecurity update from OSG will be moved to the June COW.

The snow retention project is currently out to bid and specifies a specific system as outlined by the architects. Three vendors have downloaded the plans to date.

Statistics – Director Bertucci noted that this month's report includes both the statistics for the month of the March and a quarterly summary for the first quarter of 2026. She outlined the outcomes/goals for each strategic plan initiative, noting progress to date, where applicable. Work on the heat mapping project continues as it will provide guidance for placement of materials in marketplaces or potential weeding as work moves forward in this area.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REPORT

Director Bertucci reported that the Friends did not submit a report this month. She did note that the Friends are preparing for their spring sale which will be held May 1-3. The Friends also participated in the Park District's Earth Day event.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Rusk made a

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting

Vice President Powers seconded the motion

Voice Vote: Yes: All in favor

Motion passed

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.