

**Regular Board Meeting
February 19, 2026
Minutes**

1. Call to Order

Notice of the time of the meeting and agenda having been posted on the library bulletin board and one other public place, forty-eight hours prior to the meeting as required by law, the meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Kristine O'Sullivan, President.

2. Roll Call

Present: Mary Anne Benden, Sylvia Fulk, Brian Gilligan, Sylvia Haas, Kristine O'Sullivan, Andrea Shaeffer

Absent: Marie Bass

Staff Present: Anne Belden, Jo Broszczak, Malachi Kohlwey, Su Reynders, Suzanne Yazel

Visitors: Eric Bertolozzi, Friends of the Mount Prospect Public Library; Hazel Oreluk, Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. Resolution of Appreciation – Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation

Kristine O'Sullivan read aloud the Resolution of Appreciation for the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation.

On behalf of the Foundation, President Hazel Oreluk thanked the Library Board for the recognition to the volunteers who love the library.

5. Resolution of Appreciation – Friends of the Mount Prospect Public Library

Kristine O'Sullivan read aloud the Resolution of Appreciation for the Friends of the Mount Prospect Public Library.

Vice President Eric Bertolozzi thanked the Library Board for the recognition.

6. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of January 15, 2026
- b. Approve Minutes of Personnel Committee Meeting of February 5, 2026
- c. Approve Record of Noticed Event of Civic Connections of February 9, 2026
- d. Approve January 2026 Bills and Financial Reports
- e. Approve Resolution of Appreciation No. 2026-2 Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation
- f. Approve Resolution of Appreciation No. 2026-3 Friends of the Mount Prospect Public Library

- g. Approve 2026 Non-Resident Card Fee of \$508.00
- h. Accept and acknowledge 2025 Illinois Public Library Annual Report (IPLAR)
- i. Approve Executive Director 3.5% salary increase effective as of the next regularly scheduled payroll following approval, per the recommendation of the Personnel Committee

Motion was made by Trustee Fulk and seconded by Trustee Benden to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll Call Vote: AYES: Benden, Fulk, Gilligan, Haas, O'Sullivan, Shaeffer. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Bass. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

7. Cook County Property Tax Disbursement Delays

Executive Director Reynders noted concern regarding the ongoing delay in the disbursement of the second installment of property taxes. This continued delay has created significant operational and cash-flow challenges for the Mount Prospect Public Library, as well as for libraries and other taxing bodies across Cook County. The trustees reviewed the resolution calling on the Cook County Treasurer and other Cook County officials responsible for the issuance of property bills to resolve systemic issues.

Motion was made by Trustee Benden and seconded by Trustee Fulk to approve Resolution No. 2026-4 Calling on the Cook County Treasurer and Other Cook County Officials Responsible For the Issuance of Property Tax Bills to Resolve Systemic Issues as presented. Roll Call Vote: AYES: Benden, Fulk, Gilligan, Haas, O'Sullivan, Shaeffer. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Bass. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

8. Trustee Training: Statewide Advocacy Training Tools and Legislative Priorities

Executive Director Reynders gave a presentation on the recent initiative related to library trustee training requirements and recommendations, including a new question on the Illinois Public Library Report that will require reporting the total hours of trustee training.

Trustees reviewed and discussed resources related to the 2025 Public Library Standards core advocacy items including statewide advocacy training tools and ILA and ALA legislative priorities.

9. Executive Director Report

Executive Director Reynders reviewed the highlights of the monthly library report and answered questions. She reported that Project B Second Floor Phase I renovation is on schedule to meet the April 2026 timeline and on budget for the project to date.

At the January 15 Regular Board Meeting, the trustees adopted the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 Level AA, to take effect in April 2026. Staff are undertaking the necessary steps to ensure compliance with all web content and digital resource requirements,

including those pertaining to the library's website, social media platforms, and mobile application.

10. Trustee Reports and Comments

There were no reports or comments.

11. Upcoming Meetings and Events Calendar

- a. February 23 – Foundation Board Meeting – Andrea Shaeffer
- b. March – Meet the Board – Sylvia Haas
- c. March 19, 6:00 p.m. – Regular Board Meeting
 - i. Review closed session minutes and recordings
- d. March 23 – Foundation Board Meeting – Sylvia Fulk

12. Adjournment

Motion was made by Trustee Fulk and seconded by Trustee Shaeffer to adjourn the Regular Board meeting at 7:20 p.m. Voice vote carried.

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Sylvia M. Haas, Secretary

Approved as submitted 03/19/2026