

Minutes of the Mississippi Valley Library District Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

Date: October 20, 2025

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: Collinsville Memorial Library, Collinsville, IL

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Vice President Kelly Balaco-Reeder called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

Trustees Present:

Kelly Balaco-Reeder, Vice President
Ginny York, Secretary
Ian Ashcraft, Treasurer
Cathy Kulupka, Trustee
Ana Romero-Lizana, Trustee

Trustees Absent:

Jeanne Lomax, President
Kathy Murphy, Trustee

Also Present:

Kyla Waltermire, Executive Director
Matt Harris, Assistant Director

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Input

- Cynthia Klein-Webb
- Katerina Engle
- Rachel Dye
- Cindy Baker

4. Friends of the Library Updates

The next book sale is November 7-8, 2025.

There was discussion about the Friends being re-established as a 501(c)(3) organization. Trustees present were comfortable with the Friends' affairs being billed to the MVLD, to be reimbursed by the Friends, until the Friends are re-established as a legally billable entity.

5. Trustee Comments

- Ginny York – responded to public comments
- Ian Ashcraft – spoke on several topics including the ongoing Library Crawl and the resolution of the Fairmont City Library's field repairs, and responded to public comments made online

6. Consent Items

- a. Approval of Minutes – September 4, 2025 Fundraising Committee Meeting and September 15, 2025 Regular Meeting
Romero-Lizana requested that "Trustee" be added after her name in the roll call for the 9/15/2025 minutes.
- b. Communications
One email was received regarding Blum House repairs.
- c. Administrative Reports
Waltermire and Harris answered questions about their reports.
- d. Finances
There was some discussion.
- e. Committee Reports
No updates.

A motion was made by Ashcraft and seconded by Kulupka to approve the consent items with the corrected 9/15/2025 minutes.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ashcraft – yes
Balaco-Reeder – yes

Kulupka – yes
Romero -Lizana – yes
York – yes

Yes- 5, No – 0, Abstain – 0; Absent – 2

Motion carried.

7. Unfinished Business

None.

8. New Business

- a. Discussion and Possible Adoption of Ordinance 26-02: Building and Maintenance for 2026

Romero-Lizana motioned and Ashcraft seconded to accept the ordinance as presented.

A roll-call vote was taken:

Ashcraft – yes
Balaco-Reeder – yes
Kulupka – yes
Romero -Lizana – yes
York – no

Yes- 4, No – 1, Abstain – 0; Absent – 2

Motion carried.

- b. Discussion and Possible Adoption of Resolution 26-03 to Determine Estimate of Funds Needed for FY2026

Waltermire explained that the information needed for the Finance Committee to meet and make an educated decision had not been available until that afternoon, so what was presented were two placeholders – one with a 0% increase and one with a 5% increase.

There was discussion about the options presented

Ashcraft made a motion to approve Resolution 26-03.A with a 5% increase and Romero-Lizana seconded the motion.

A roll-call vote was taken:

Ashcraft – yes
Balaco-Reeder – no
Kulupka – yes
Romero -Lizana – yes
York – no

Yes- 3, No – 2, Abstain – 0; Absent – 2

Motion carried.

- c. Discussion and Possible Approval of Busey Bank License Agreement Amendment for 2025-2030
Waltermire shared that Busey Bank had submitted changes to the draft agreement that needed to be reviewed and recommended that the item be tabled.

A motion was made by Ashcraft and seconded by York to table the item.

A roll-call vote was taken:

Ashcraft – yes
Balaco-Reeder – yes
Kulupka – yes
Romero -Lizana – yes
York – no

Yes- 4, No – 1, Abstain – 0; Absent – 2

Motion carried.

- d. Discussion and Possible Adoption of Revised Finances Policy
Kulupka moved and Ashcraft seconded to approve the revisions as presented.

A roll-call vote was taken:

Ashcraft – yes

Balaco-Reeder – yes
Kulupka – yes
Romero -Lizana – yes
York – no

Yes- 4, No – 1, Abstain – 0; Absent – 2

Motion carried.

e. Discussion and Possible Approval of Bylaws Revision re: Written Summations of Public Comments

A motion was made by Ashcraft and seconded by Kulupka to approve the Bylaws revision as presented.

A roll-call vote was taken:

Ashcraft – yes
Balaco-Reeder – yes
Kulupka – yes
Romero -Lizana – yes
York – no

Yes- 4, No – 1, Abstain – 0; Absent – 2

Motion carried.

f. Review and Possible Action on Closed Session Minutes

Romero-Lizana motioned and Ashcraft seconded to approve keeping the closed session minutes of May 19, 2025 and June 18, 2025 closed.

A roll-call vote was taken:

Ashcraft – yes
Balaco-Reeder – yes
Kulupka – yes
Romero -Lizana – yes
York – no

Yes- 4, No – 1, Abstain – 0; Absent – 2

Motion carried.

g. Review of Serving Our Public 4.0, Chapters 12-13

No discussion.

9. Closed Session

None.

10. Action for Items Discussed in Closed Session

None.

11. Adjournment

Ashcraft moved and Romero-Lizana seconded to adjourn the meeting.

A voice vote was taken. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.