

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

Date: June 16, 2025

Time: 6:31 PM

Place: Fairmont City Library

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Jeanne Lomax, President, called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

Trustees Present:

Jeanne Lomax, President
Kelly Balaco-Reeder, Vice President (at 6:32 PM)
Ginny York, Secretary
Ian Ashcraft, Treasurer
Cathy Kulupka, Trustee
Kathy Murphy, Trustee
Ana Romero-Lizana, Trustee (at 6:45 PM via Zoom)

Trustees Absent: none

Also Present:

Kyla Waltermire, Executive Director
Matt Harris, Assistant Director

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Input

The following members of the public spoke:

- Michael Treece
- Stephanie Oseguera
- Cindy Klein-Webb
- Killian Weir

Romero-Lizana joined the meeting by Zoom around 6:45 PM and requested to participate remotely due to personal illness/disability. Kulupka made a motion to allow Romero-Lizana to participate in the meeting remotely via Zoom, seconded by Balaco Reeder. A roll call vote was taken:

Ashcraft – yes
Balaco-Reeder – yes
Kulupka – yes
Lomax – yes

Murphy – Yes

York - Yes

Yes -6, No-0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0.

Motion carried.

4. Friends of the Library Updates

The money donated by the Friends for the StoryWalk that was to be done in collaboration with the City of Collinsville will instead be allocated to the repairing of the ground floor drinking fountain with their approval, since negotiations with the City have fallen through.

5. Trustee Comments

Murphy commended Children’s Librarian Theresa Beck for her Summer Reading Program kickoff at both libraries. Murphy was able to hand out some free books through the Metro East Literacy Project and interact with some of the staff, which she enjoyed. She also thanked Marketing Coordinator Terry Pierson for having a table with giveaways on the front lawn of the Collinsville Library during the Horseradish Festival.

Ashcraft stated that the library is for everyone.

Lomax, in response to some public input from earlier in the meeting, clarified misinformation concerning her past roll on the board of CARD. Also, she addressed a public input request from the May 2025 meeting for a good sound system to be used in the board meetings. She discussed it with Waltermire, who is looking into options.

6. Consent Items

A motion was made by Murphy to approve the consent items and seconded by Balaco-Reeder to approve the consent items. The motion was later amended by Murphy and seconded by Balaco-Reeder to approve the consent items except for the May 19, 2025 Outgoing Board Meeting Closed Session Minutes.

- a) Approval of Minutes
- b) Communications
- c) Administrative Reports – Harris also commended Beck for a good job with the summer reading program kickoff.
- d) Finances - There was some discussion.
- e) Committee Reports – The Finance Committee met to go over the proposed FY2026 budget

A roll call vote on the motion was taken:

Ashcraft – yes

Balaco-Reeder – yes

Kulupka – yes

Lomax – yes
Murphy – yes
Romero-Lizana – yes
York – yes

Yes-7, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0.

Motion carried.

Kulupka moved to approve and keep closed the May 19, 2025 Outgoing Board Meeting Closed Session Minutes, seconded by Ashcraft.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Yes – 6, No -1, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0.

Motion carried.

7. Unfinished Business

- a. Repairs to Collinsville Library’s Elevator and Fairmont City Library’s Field
Elevator repairs are progressing and on track with schedule. No update on the repairs for the Fairmont Library field. A question was asked about the Fairmont City Library’s security camera system glitches; this is still being worked on.
- b. Discussion and Possible Action on Revisions to Whistleblower Policy and Anti-Harassment & Non-Discrimination Policy
The draft Whistleblower Policy was presented with an amendment. The auditing official hierarchy was modified to start with the Executive Director, then have a trustee appointed by the Board President as the secondary official, and an attorney from Guin Mundorf as the tertiary official. There was some discussion about the proposed policy.

A motion was made by Balaco-Reeder and seconded by Ashcraft to approve the Whistleblower and Anti-Harassment & Non-Discrimination Policies.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ashcraft – no
Balaco-Reeder – yes

Kulupka – yes
Lomax – yes
Murphy – yes
Romero-Lizana – yes
York – yes

Yes – 6, No -1, Abstain – 0; Absent - 0

Motion carried.

c. Discussion and Possible Action on Lease Agreement Renewal with Collinsville Historical Museum

There was some discussion to clarify the museum’s responsibilities.

A motion was made by Kulupka and seconded by Ashcraft to approve the lease agreement as presented.

A roll call vote was taken.

Ashcraft – yes
Balaco-Reeder – yes
Kulupka -yes
Lomax – yes
Murphy – yes
Romero-Lizana – yes
York – Yes

Yes – 7, No - 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0.

Motion carried.

8. New Business

a. Discussion and Possible Action on Meeting Dates, Times, and Locations for FY2026 (Ordinance 25-04)

Discussion ensued as to whether the calendar as written should be changed to begin the first meeting of the new fiscal year to be held in Collinsville to reflect the alternating locations of meetings or to leave it as written to have it held in Fairmont City.

Balaco-Reeder made a motion to adopt the ordinance with an amendment to begin alternating the locations starting with the July meeting in Collinsville, and seconded by York.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ashcraft – no
Balaco-Reeder – yes

Kulupka – no
Lomax – yes
Murphy – no
Romero-Lizana – no
York -no

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

Motion did not carry.

Ashcraft motioned to accept the ordinance as presented, seconded by Kulupka.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ashcraft – yes
Balaco-Reeder – yes
Kulupka - -yes
Lomax – yes
Murphy – yes
Romero-Lizana – yes
York – yes

Yes -7, No- 0, Abstain – 0, Absent - 0

Motion carried.

b. Discussion and Possible Action on FY2026 Budget

A motion was made by Balaco-Reeder and seconded by Murphy to approve the FY2026 Budget as presented.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ashcraft – yes
Balaco-Reeder – yes
Kulupka – yes
Lomax – yes
Murphy – yes
Romero-Lizana – yes
York – yes

Yes – 7, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0

Motion carried.

c. Review of Serving Our Public 4.0 Chapter 8 – no discussion.

9. Closed session – none.

10. Action for Items Discussed in Closed Session – none.

11. Adjournment

A motion was made by Balaco-Reeder and seconded by Ashcraft to adjourn the meeting.

A voice vote was taken:

Ashcraft – yes

Balaco-Reeder – yes

Kulupka – yes

Lomax – yes

Murphy – yes

Romero-Lizana – yes

York – yes

Yes – 7, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.