

Minutes of the Mississippi Valley Library District

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

Date: November 17, 2025

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: Fairmont City Library, Fairmont City, IL

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Trustees Present:

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

Trustees Absent: none

Also Present:

Kyla Waltermire, Executive Director
Matt Harris, Assistant Director

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Input

- Dorothy Joyce
- Cynthia Klein-Webb
- Rachel Dye
- Katie Camero reading on behalf of Michael Treece
- Katerina Engle
- Sharyn Herron
- Robin Deguzman

4. Friends of the Library Updates: none

5. Trustee Comments

- Kulupka – Responded to comments from the public re: tax levy, trustee training, and public comment duration.
- Ashcraft – Recognized Native American Heritage Month & Family Literacy Month; apologized for incorrect financial statements at October 2025 meeting; discussed the Library Crawl, Collinsville Daily News article about the local history station, and library return on investment; and read aloud Senate Resolution 104.

6. Consent Items

a. Approval of Minutes

- A clarifying amendment to the October 20, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes was made by Ashcraft as follows: “public comments made online.”
- The minutes of the November 5, 2025 Finance Committee Meeting were not sent in time to be properly reviewed by all Trustees and were tabled.

b. Communications

c. Administrative Reports

- Waltermire reminded everyone of the Trivia Night fundraiser on March 21, 2026 to be held at the Collinsville VFW.
- Harris spoke of free tutoring done in at the Fairmont City Library by Oasis Tutoring
- Trustees commented on several updates provided in the reports.

d. Finances – There was some discussion.

e. Committee Reports – As reported in the provided minutes.

A motion was made by Balaco-Reeder and seconded by Murphy to approve the consent items as amended.

A role 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.

7. Unfinished business

No unfinished business on the agenda. However, there was discussion at this point in the meeting about the fact that there was no agenda item re: public comment duration as requested by some trustees at the prior regular meeting.

8. New business

a. Discussion and Possible Adoption of Ordinance 26-03 FY2026 Tax Levy

A motion was made by Balaco-Reeder and seconded by York to approve a 1% Tax Levy increase as presented.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ashcraft – no

Balaco-Reeder – yes

Kulupka – no

Lomax – yes

Murphy – abstain

Romero-Lizana – no

York – yes

Yes – 3, No – 3, Abstain – 1, Absent -0

Motion did not pass.

After more discussion a motion was made by Romero-Lizana and seconded by Ashcraft to approve a 3% tax levy increase.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ashcraft - yes

Balaco-Reeder – yes

Kulupka – yes

Lomax -no

Murphy - no

Romero-Lizana – yes

York – no

Yes – 4, No – 3, Abstain - 0, Absent – 0

Motion carried.

b. Discussion and Possible Approval of Solar Energy System Projects for
Collinsville Memorial Library and Fairmont City Library

The Building & Grounds Committee is recommending approval of solar panel system installations to take place at both libraries as proposed by Advanced Renewable Concepts (ARC). Erik Schultz, Energy Advisor from ARC, answered questions posed by the Board.

A motion was made by Kulupka and seconded by Romero-Lizana to approve ARC's proposals for roof-only systems for both libraries.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ashcraft – abstain

Balaco-Reeder – yes

Kulupka – yes

Lomax – yes

Murphy – yes

Romero-Lizana – yes

York – yes

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

Motion carried.

c. Biannual Review, Discussion, and Possible Adoption of Resolution 26-01
Regarding Review of Facilities and Collection Development Policies

A motion was made by Romero-Lizana and seconded by Kulupka to approve and adopt Resolution 26-01.

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.

d. Discussion and Possible Adoption of Revised Social Media Policy

A motion was made by Ashcraft and seconded by Murphy to adopt the revised Social Media Policy.

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.

e. Discussion and Possible Approval of Recommendation to Destroy Verbatim Closed Session Recordings Older than 18 Months

Romero-Lizana moved and Kulupka seconded to approve the recommendation.

The motion was withdrawn and the matter was tabled pending feedback from legal counsel about a potential voting conflict of interest concerning Trustee York.

f. Review of Serving Our Public 4.0, Appendices – no discussion.

9. Closed Session – none

10. Adjournment

Balaco-Reeder moved and Romero-Lizana seconded to adjourn.

A voice vote was taken and all voted in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 PM.

NOTE: A brief meeting break was taken at 8:53 PM. Trustees Ashcraft, Balaco-Reeder, Kulupka, and Murphy stepped out of the meeting room to address personal matters, with Kulupka returning at 8:55 PM and the rest returning at 8:56 PM. The meeting then resumed.