

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

Date: February 17, 2026

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: Fairmont City Library

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Jeanne 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
Kathy Murphy, Trustee

Trustees Absent:

Cathy Kulupka, Trustee
Ana Romero-Lizana, Trustee

Also Present:

Kyla Waltermire, Executive Director
Matt Harris, Assistant Director

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Input

- Rebecca Cox, reading for Cynthia Klein Webb
- Katerina Engle, reading for Rachel Dye
- Rachel Dye
- Katie Camero, reading for Rachel Dye
- Lee Wathan
- Margot Crowell
- Ashely Stewart (Zoom)
- Robin Deguzman (Zoom)

4. Friends of the Library Updates

The next Book Sale will be held March 6-7 and on March 21 there will be a Trivia Night fundraiser. Proceeds from the events will go toward the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPIL).

5. Trustee Comments

- Kathy Murphy
- Jeanne Lomax
- Ian Ashcraft

6. Consent Items

York motioned and Murphy seconded to approve the consent agenda in its entirety.

- a. Approval of Minutes: January 20, 2026 Regular Board of Trustees Meeting
- b. Communications: Two emails received
- c. Administrative Reports: Waltermire explained more about the DPIL and the library's America250 events and highlighted stats from the 2025 Year in Review infographic. Harris talked about the AARP Tax Aide service.
- d. Finances: There was some discussion.
- e. Committee Reports: None.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ashcraft: yes
Balaco-Reeder: yes
Lomax: yes
Murphy: yes
York: yes

Yes – 5; No – 0; Absent – 2; Abstain – 0.

Motion carried.

7. Unfinished Business: None

8. New Business

- a. Discussion and Possible Approval of Children's Flooring Replacement Proposal

A motion was made by York and seconded by Balaco-Reeder to approve the proposal from Home Depot for materials and installation in the amount of \$18,964.68, with funding to come from the Shaffner Trust.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ashcraft: yes

Balaco-Reeder: yes

Lomax: yes

Murphy: yes

York: yes

Yes – 5; No – 0; Absent – 2; Abstain – 0.

Motion carried.

- b. Discussion and Possible Adoption of New and Amended Policies:
Electioneering; Signs / Signage; Community Bulletin Boards & Brochure Racks

There was some discussion.

A motion was made by Balaco-Reeder and seconded by Murphy to adopt the policies, with the amendment of “Brochure/Magazine Racks” to be implemented throughout the applicable policy.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ashcraft: yes

Balaco-Reeder: yes

Lomax: yes

Murphy: yes

York: yes

Yes – 5; No – 0; Absent – 2; Abstain – 0.

Motion carried.

- c. Discussion and Possible Action re: Public Comment Bylaws

There was discussion about whether to change the amount of time allotted to each speaker during Public Input. No changes were made.

- d. Review of Illinois Public Library Standards, Advocacy and Community Engagement

Waltermire presented both the standards and information about the cost of ebook pricing for libraries. There was some discussion about how to advocate for more equitable ebook pricing for libraries.

9. Closed Session: None

10. Action for Items Discussed in Closed Session: None

11. Adjournment

A motion was made by York and seconded by Balaco-Reeder to adjourn.

A voice vote was taken.

Yes – 5; No – 0; Absent – 0; Abstain – 0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM.