

Minutes of the Mississippi Valley Library District Board of Trustees Meeting

Date: April 20, 2026

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: Fairmont City Library

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Lomax called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

Trustees Present:

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

Trustees Absent:

Cathy Kulupka, Trustee

Also Present:

Kyla Waltermire, Executive Director
Matthew Harris, Assistant Director

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Input

- Kurt Prenzler
- Robin Deguzman

4. Friends of the Library Updates

The next Book Sale is June 5-6, 2026. The Friends will be providing funds to support the annual summer reading program as well as a Paul Revere reenactor.

5. Trustee Comments

- Ian Ashcraft – Happy Right to Read Day and Happy National Library Week.
- Kelly Balaco-Reeder – Thanks to Michael Treece for making trustees aware of HB 5236 (the Digital Library Protection Act).
- Jeanne Lomax – Also spoke about HB 5236, including its passing in the Illinois House.
- Kathy Murphy – Explained to the public what HB 5236 is.

6. Consent Items

York motioned and Murphy seconded the motion to approve the consent items in their entirety.

- a. Minutes of the March 16, 2026 Regular Board of Trustees Meeting
- b. Communications
 - Michael Treece regarding HB 5236
 - Senator Erica Harriss thanking MVLD for involvement in Valentines for Seniors Card Drive
 - Cindy Klein-Webb resubmitting March summation
- c. Administrative Reports
 - Waltermire reminded trustees to complete statements of economic interest for Madison and St. Clair Counties and discussed some upcoming programs for America250.
 - Harris – Thanked AARP for the tax help at the library and everyone who helped out with the annual Easter egg hunts.
- d. Finances – Some discussion ensued.
- e. Committee Reports: None, but a Fundraising Committee meeting is scheduled for May 12 at 6:00 PM.

A Roll Call Vote was taken:

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

Yes – 6; No – 0; Absent - 1: Abstain – 0.

Motion carried.

7. Unfinished Business

- a. Discussion on Revisions to MVLD Meeting Spaces Policy and Rental Agreements

A motion was made by Balaco-Reeder and seconded by York to accept the revised Meeting Spaces Policy and Rental Agreements as presented.

A Roll Call Vote was taken:

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

Yes – 6; No – 0; Absent - 1: Abstain – 0.

Motion carried.

8. New Business

- a. Discussion and Action on Memorandum of Understanding with Collinsville Faith in Action re: Homebound Delivery Service.

Murphy made a motion and Romero-Lizana seconded to accept the Memorandum of Understanding as presented.

A Roll Call Vote was taken:

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

Yes – 6; No – 0; Absent - 1: Abstain – 0.

Motion carried.

- b. Discussion and Possible Action on America250 Programs.
Lomax presented information about events being held in other communities, as well as demonstrated videos about the Founding Fathers on the White House's website. Waltermire said that the information should be passed along to her so that staff can look into these things.
- c. Review of Illinois Public Library Standards Collection Management – no discussion.

9. Closed Session – none.

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

11. Adjournment

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

A Voice Vote was taken:

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

Yes – 6; No – 0; Absent - 1: Abstain – 0.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.