

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

Date: May 19, 2026

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: Collinsville Memorial Library

## 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Lomax called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

### Trustees Present:

Jeanne Lomax, President  
Kelly Balaco-Reeder, Vice President  
Ian Ashcraft, Treasurer  
Cathy Kulupka, Trustee  
Kathy Murphy, Trustee (via Zoom)

### Trustees Absent:

Ginny York, Secretary  
Ana Romero-Lizana, Trustee

### Also Present:

Kyla Waltermire, Executive Director  
Matthew Harris, Assistant Director

Kulupka moved and Balaco-Reeder seconded for trustee Kathy Murphy to participate via electronic means.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ashcraft: Yes  
Balaco-Reeder: Yes  
Kulupka: Yes  
Lomax: Yes

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

Motion carried.

## **2. Pledge of Allegiance**

## **3. Public Input**

- Cindy Klein-Webb
- Rachel Dye
- Robin Deguzman

## **4. Friends of the Library Updates**

The next Book Sale is June 5-6, 2026. It will take place during the Horseradish Festival, so they are expecting a bit more foot traffic

## **5. Trustee Comments**

- Cathy Kulupka - Summarized an email from iLEAD Project Manager, Leanne Furby, PhD, regarding trustee training options.
- Ian Ashcraft - Libraries are for everyone
- Kelly Balaco-Reeder - Shout out to Children's Librarian Theresa Beck for getting the Dollar General Literacy Foundation grant.
- Kathy Murphy - Explained she was on Zoom because she lost her voice.

## **6. Consent Items**

Balaco-Reeder motioned and Kulupka seconded to approve the consent items in their entirety.

### **A. Approval of Minutes**

- a. April 20, 2026 Regular Board of Trustees Meeting

### **B. Communications**

- a. AARP Letter
- b. Cindy Klein-Webb

### **C. Administrative Reports**

Waltermire noted her appearance on the May 19<sup>th</sup> episode of "The 21st Show" to discuss e-book licensing and pricing.

Harris again thanked AARP for the tax help at the library.

### **D. Finances**

- a. April 2026 Expenses by Vendor, Profit & Loss, and Funds Balance
- b. Gift Fund Transactions

- c. FY2026 Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual and Profit & Loss Previous Year Comparison

E. Committee Reports:

- a. The Fundraiser Committee met on May 11<sup>th</sup> and is working on a Volunteer Appreciation event; meeting minutes coming soon.

A roll call vote was taken to accept consent items:

Ashcraft: Yes

Balaco-Reeder: Yes

Kulupka: Yes

Lomax: Yes

Murphy: Yes

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

Motion carried.

**7. Unfinished Business – none.**

**8. New Business**

- a. Discussion and Possible Action on FY2027 Regular Meeting Dates, Times, and Locations  
Option 26.04-A rotates meetings between the Collinsville Memorial and Fairmont City Libraries. Option 26.04.B has meetings only in Collinsville. Lomax said looking at the district map, there may be patrons not feeling represented in the northeast corner of our district. Ashcraft noted that it is important for meetings to take place in both locations so both libraries and patrons are equally represented.

Balaco-Reeder moved and Kulupka seconded to approve Ordinance 26-04.A.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ashcraft - yes

Balaco-Reeder - yes

Kulupka - yes

Lomax - yes

Murphy - yes

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

Motion carried.

b. Discussion and Possible Action on FY2027 Non-Resident Accounts

Information was presented about the non-resident account program. If adopted, the fee going into effect on July 1, 2026 would be \$84.00/household for one year. Waltermire recommended adoption of offering non-resident accounts, including the Expanded Cards for Kids Act, as presented.

Kulupka motioned and Balaco-Reeder seconded to accept the FY2027 Non-Resident Accounts as presented and recommended.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ashcraft - yes

Balaco-Reeder - yes

Kulupka - yes

Lomax - yes

Murphy - yes

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

Motion carried.

c. Discussion and Possible Action of FY2027 Salary and Wage Scales

Two proposals were presented based on trustee feedback. The first proposes a 3% raise for staff and the second proposes a 1% raise.

Waltermire recommended a 3% as an average of the Social Security Administration's 2.8% cost of living increase effective January 2026 and the 3.3% inflation increase reported by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics for the 12-month period ending March 2026.

Lomax discussed high taxes and lawyer fees. Murphy needed clarification on whether staff who just started would get a raise. Kulupka talked about how the position deserved a raise due to the high cost of living and everyone deserving a livable wage. Ashcraft noted he felt they deserved a 5% raise.

Ashcraft motioned and Balaco-Reeder seconded to approve the salary and wage scales with

a 3% increase.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ashcraft - yes

Balaco-Reeder - yes

Kulupka - yes

Lomax - yes

Murphy - yes

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

Motion carried.

d. Discussion and Possible Action on Draft Flagpole / Flag Display Policy

A trustee requested that the library fly America250 flags on its flagpoles. Before this can be considered, the library would need to adopt a flagpole / flag display policy.

In addition to federal and state flag codes and laws, the City of Collinsville has an ordinance limiting the number of flags on a flagpole to three: the U.S. flag, the State flag, and one more flag. Trustee York's emailed concerns about the draft policy were shared with the Board. Ashcraft expressed different concerns about the bureaucracy set up by the draft policy.

A motion was made by Balaco-Reeder and seconded by Kulupka to adopt the draft policy as presented.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ashcraft - yes

Balaco-Reeder - yes

Kulupka - yes

Lomax - yes

Murphy - yes

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

Motion carried.

e. Review of Illinois Public Library Standards, Finance & Budget – no discussion.

**9. Closed Session** – none

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

**11. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Ashcraft and seconded by Kulupka to adjourn the meeting.

A voice vote was taken:

Ashcraft - yes

Balaco-Reeder - yes

Kulupka - yes

Lomax - yes

Murphy - yes

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

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.