Minutes of the Mississippi Valley Library District
Regular Board Meeting

Date: August 17, 2026
Time: 6:30 PM
Place: Fairmont City Library, Fairmont City, IL

1. **Call to Order**
   President Lomax called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

   Trustees Present:
   Jeanne Lomax, President
   Kelly Balaco-Reeder, Vice President (arrived at 6:31 PM)
   Ginny York, Secretary
   Ian Ashcraft, Treasurer
   Cathy Kulupka, Trustee
   Kathy Murphy, Trustee
   Ana Romero-Lizana, Trustee

   Trustees Absent:
   None

   Also Present:
   Kyla Waltermire, Executive Director
   Matthew Harris, Assistant Director

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Public Input**
   - Cindy Klein-Webb

4. **Friends of the Library Updates**
   The next book sale will be held September 25-26, 2026.

5. **Trustee Comments**
   - Kulupka – Stated that the updates on the children's floor look great.
   - Balaco-Reeder – Excited for the new puzzle swap at the library.

- Ashcraft – Libraries are for everyone, and strong libraries build strong communities. Gave Kudos to Waltermire and Children's Librarian Theresa Beck for an ILA member spotlight and support staff grant award, respectively.
- Lomax -Responded to public comment; addressed ACLU letter, Illinois Attorney General PAC's response to Open Meetings Act complaint, Rachel Fleming's whistleblower claims, and an article about the AFSCME union formed by Library staff.

6. Consent Items

a. Approval of Minutes
    - July 8, 2026 Building and Grounds Committee Meeting
    - July 13, 2026 Finance Committee Meeting
    - July 20, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

b. Communications
    - One communication from Cindy Klein-Webb

c. Administrative Reports
    - Waltermire shared two staff anniversaries taking place the date of the meeting, as well as congratulated a staff member on the birth of her child that morning.
    - Harris provided an update on the Fairmont City Library's HVAC unit replacement project.
    - York asked about participation in the summer reading programs and the services offered by Foam & Flight.

d. Finances
    - July 2026 Expenses by Vendor, Profit & Loss, and Funds Balances
    - Gift Fund Transactions
    - FY2027 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual and Profit & Loss Previous Year Comparison

e. Committee Reports
    - Murphy shared information with trustees about attending a volunteers' thank-you open house on Sunday, September 13, 2026 from 2-4 PM.

A motion was made by Balaco-Reeder and seconded by Murphy to approve the Consent Items

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; Absent – 0; Abstain -0.

Motion carried.

7. Unfinished Business

a. Discussion and Possible Action on Board Diversity & Bias Training – tabled
b. Discussion and Possible Action about Bylaws Modification re: Definition of "Liaison" – tabled

8. New Business

a. Discussion and Possible Action on Draft Family and Medical Leave Policies

   Kulupka motioned and York seconded to approve the Family and Medical Leave Policies 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; Absent -0; Abstain – 0.

   Motion carried.

b. Review of Illinois Public Library Standards, Information Services

9. Closed Session – none

10. Action for Items Discussed in Closed Session

11. Adjournment

Kulupka moved and Romero-Lizana seconded to adjourn the meeting.

A voice vote was taken. All were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM.