Minutes of the Mississippi Valley Library District Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting

Date: September 21, 2026
Time: 6:30 PM
Place: Collinsville Library

Public Hearing for Ordinance 27-01 Budget and Appropriations for FY2027

1. **Call to Order**
   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
   Cathy Kulupka, Trustee
   Kathy Murphy, Trustee

   Trustees Absent:
   Ana Romero-Lizana, Trustee

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

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Public Input –** none

4. **Adjournment**
   President Lomax called for a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing for Ordinance 27-01 Budget and Appropriations for FY2027. Balaco-Reeder made a motion and

Kulupka seconded it. A voice vote was taken. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Regular Board of Trustees Meeting

1. **Call to Order**
   President Lomax called the Regular Board Meeting to Order at 6:35 PM.

2. **Public Input**
   - Cindy Klein-Webb
   - Margo Crowell
   - Robin D.

3. **Friends of the Library Updates**
   The next book sale is September 25 & 26, 2026.

4. **Trustee Comments**
   - Kulupka – Diversity training is something we could all learn from.
   - Ashcraft – Libraries are for everyone. Strong libraries build strong communities. Commented on Constitution Week, gave kudos to the Fundraising Committee, mentioned outreach at the Tunes at Blum events, thanked Lomax for getting donated prizes for Tunes at Blum, mentioned the Friends' upcoming book sale and that 9/25 is "Give like Dolly Day." Everyone can benefit from diversity training.
   - Balaco-Reeder expressed appreciation for the library supporting The Blessings Box Network supplies drive and announced an upcoming fundraiser for it. Also spoke about the recent Volunteers Appreciation reception.
   - Lomax – Addressed the ACLU letter and thanked the trustees who attended the Volunteers Appreciation reception. She also expressed disappointment over the low attendance of the storytime held by the DAR for Constitution Week and believed had it been announced earlier and been set later in the day more would have been able to attend.
   - York – Agreed with Lomax's statements because of personal interaction with some people who would have attended had there been more notice and the time late enough for kids to get out of school and to the library.

5. **Consent Items**

Lomax called for a motion to accept the Consent Items except for the Profit and Loss Report Budget vs. Actual and Profit & Loss Previous Year Comparison reports, which need to be updated. Murphy motioned and York seconded to approve the consent items with the amendment.

a. Approval of Minutes – August 17, 2026 Regular Board of Trustees Meeting
b. Communications – none
c. Administrative Reports

Waltermire spoke of the Culver's dine-to-donate fundraiser on 10/2/2026 and the Night at the Museum event for the Collinsville Historical Museum on 10/15/2026.

Harris answered York's question about the Spice Club and gave a CSI: Library update.

Murphy asked about promotions for the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

d. Finances – all but the Profit & Loss reports were reviewed.
e. Committee Reports – none

A roll call vote was taken:

Ashcraft – Yes
Balaco-Reeder – Yes
Kulupka – Yes
Lomax = Yes
Murphy – Yes
York – Yes

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

Motion carried.

6. **Unfinished Business**
   a. Discussion and Possible Action on Board Diversity and Bias Training

Further information about the specifics of the training was requested. More information will be provided to the trustees.

b. Discussion and Possible Action about Bylaws Modification re: Definition of "Liaison"

Waltermire suggested additional wording for the bylaws that would clarify the issue. She will send out draft wording before the October 2026 regular meeting.

7. New Business

a. Discussion and Possible Action on Ordinance 27-01 FY2027 Budget and Appropriations

Waltermire reminded trustees that this ordinance was tentatively adopted two months prior and that no changes were made to the ordinance since then.

A motion was made by Balaco-Reeder and seconded by York to approve Ordinance 27-01 FY2027 Budget and Appropriations

A roll call vote was taken:

Ashcraft – Yes
Balaco-Reeder – Yes
Kulupka – Yes
Lomax – Yes
Murphy – Yes
York – Yes

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

Motion carried.

b. Discussion and Possible Action on Ordinance 27-02 FY2027 Building and Maintenance Fund

Waltermire reminded trustees that this ordinance authorizes the library to levy a tax specifically for building and maintenance needs. A motion was

made by Kulupka and seconded by Balaco-Reeder to approve Ordinance 27-02 FY2027.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ashcraft – Yes
Balaco-Reeder – Yes
Kulupka – Yes
Lomax – Yes
Murphy – Yes
York – Yes

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

Motion carried.

c. Discussion on Draft Jury Duty Policy

More information about the existing policy is needed. The topic is tabled until the next regular meeting.

d. Discussion and Possible Action on Closed Session Minutes

A motion was made by Balaco-Reeder and seconded by Murphy to keep the closed session minutes from May 19, 2025 and June 18, 2025 closed at this time.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ashcraft -Yes
Balaco-Reeder – Yes
Kulupka – Yes
Lomax – Yes
Murphy – Yes
York -Yes

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

Motion carried.

e. Review of Illinois Public Library Standards, Marketing and Promotion – no discussion.

8. **Closed Session** – none

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

10. **Adjournment**

President Lomax called for a motion to adjourn. York moved and Balaco-Reeder seconded to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.