Indian Prairie Public Library
Board of Trustees Minutes
Regular Meeting of January 21, 2026

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
January 21, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.

A. Roll Call
Vice-President Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Secretary Palmisano called the roll. Present: Donald Damon, Marian Krupicka, Stacy Palmisano, Themis Raftis, Christina Rodriguez, Victoria Suriano (attended by phone), Samia Wahab
Absent: none
Staff Present: Laura Birmingham, Kristen Lawson, Maria Wlosinski
Others:

Vice-President Rodriguez asked for additions and/or corrections to the agenda. There were none.

B. Mission Statement: Secretary Palmisano read the library mission statement. We enrich our community by providing opportunities to explore, connect, learn and create.

Vision Statement: Secretary Palmisano read the library vision statement. People are inspired. and empowered. Dreams are developed and realized.

Values Statement: Secretary Palmisano read the library values statement. We value and respect the individual. We empower and guide each visitor. We aspire to bring people together.

C. Public Comment

D. Communications and Announcements
1. Secretary of State to Birmingham re: Per Capita Grant
2. Thank You from Char Vuillaume re: 20th Annual Write-On
3. Thank You from Sarah Johnson re: Artist Display
4. Thank You from Darien Historical Society re: Story Time
5. Thank You from Darien Woman's Club re: Soap Drive

E. Omnibus Consent Agenda
1. Minutes of Truth in Taxation Hearing and Regular Board Meeting, November 19, 2025
2. Action on Bills/Additional Bills – November & December
3. Determination to Dispose of Personal Property
4. Policy 515 Responsibility and Criteria for Selection
Krupicka moved, Damon seconded to approve the Omnibus Consent Agenda. Ayes: Damon, Krupicka, Palmisano, Raftis, Rodriguez, Wahab. Nayes: none. Absent: none. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Items Deleted from Omnibus Consent Agenda - none

G. Library Director's Report
Birmingham reported that we've gotten many positive comments and likes regarding our beautiful new outdoor signs. She thanked Lawson for all of her hard work on the project. The

Chicago Tribune and Chicago Sun-Times have been moved back to the cafe after spending several months behind the GS Desk. Staff will be monitoring them for theft or vandalism. Krupicka noted that the soap and paper goods collection drive at the library, sponsored by the Darien Woman's Club, collected even more items than in other years – the collection bins in the library work great!

H. Department Reports
Lawson recapped her written reports from the packet. The bid notice for the elevator project was published in the newspaper. The mandatory walk-thru is February 10 and the bid opening is on March 10. Once the bid is awarded, the parts will be ordered and stored until the project begins.

I. Staff Report – Birmingham gave an overview of the Freedom of Information Act. It was enacted in 1966 and gives any person the right to request access to government records. The library has to respond to the request within five business days. A person is not required to explain or justify a FOIA request. Some records are exempt such as personnel files. Requests we have received include ones for salary and benefits information, number of employees, invoices, incidents at the library, and contracts/intergovernmental agreements. Birmingham noted that RAILS has a great hotline that gives us access to legal advice. A proposed House Bill would allow public bodies to charge the actual cost for searching/redacting records.

J. Reports
1. Treasurer's Report – November & December - backup in packet.
2. Building and Grounds Committee – no report
3. Finance Committee – no report – Rodriguez asked when the Finance Committee will meet again. Birmingham said it will be after the March 10th elevator bid opening. Rodriguez would like an updated financial forecast so we can review our long-term planning. Birmingham suggested we add it to the March Board agenda so that the full Board can discuss.
4. Planning/Outreach Committee – no report
5. Policy Committee – no report

K. Unfinished Business - none

L. New Business - none

M. Scheduled Meetings - none

N. At 7:10 p.m. Palmisano moved, Raftis seconded to go into Closed Session as allowed by 5ILCS, Act 120/2 (c) (21) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06 of the Open Meetings Act. Roll call vote. Ayes: Damon, Krupicka, Palmisano, Raftis, Rodriguez, Wahab. Nayes: none. Absent: none. Motion carried unanimously.

O. Return to Open Session
At 7:13 p.m. Krupicka moved, Raftis seconded to go back into open session. Roll call vote. Ayes: Damon, Krupicka, Palmisano, Raftis, Rodriguez, Wahab. Nayes: none. Absent: none. Motion carried unanimously.
1. Closed Session Minutes, 1/15/25, 8/20/25, 10/15/25 – Damon moved, Wahab seconded to approve the closed session minutes dated 1/15/25, 8/20/25, 10/15/25. Ayes: Damon, Krupicka, Palmisano, Raftis, Rodriguez, Wahab. Nayes: none. Absent: none.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Open or Close All Closed Session Minutes - Damon moved, Raftis seconded to keep all closed session minutes closed. Ayes: Damon, Krupicka, Palmisano, Raftis, Rodriguez, Wahab. Nayes: none. Absent: none. Motion carried unanimously.

P. Adjournment

At 7:14 p.m. Krupicka moved, Palmisano seconded to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: Damon, Krupicka, Palmisano, Raftis, Rodriguez, Wahab. Nayes: none. Absent: none. Motion carried unanimously.

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Stacy Palmisano, Secretary