

**Fox River Valley Public Library District
Board of Trustees Meeting
April 16, 2024**

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Kristina Weber at 7:00 PM. All present rose to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Weber called for a vote to nominate Trustee Wisniewski as Secretary Pro-Tem. Moved by Dellamaria and seconded by Goyke, Weber called for a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote: Goyke, Lauer, Wisniewski, Finn, Dellamaria, Weber – 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion carried.

Roll Call

Members present:	President	Kristina Weber
	Vice Pres	Maryann Dellamaria
	Treasurer	Tara Finn
	Trustee	Matt Goyke
	Trustee	Paula Lauer
	Trustee	Dan Wisniewski (Secretary Pro-Tem)

Members absent: Secretary Chris Evans

Others present: Executive Director Amy Dodson, Deputy Director Heather Zabski, Sam Bunte, Keri Carroll, Heather Ji, Amanda Keen, Sherry Kenney, Michael Lorenzetti, Karin Nelson, Sumitra Potharazu, John Sabala

Public Comment

There was none.

President's Report

Economic Interests Statement

Weber confirmed Trustees should have already received an email from Kane County advising them to file the annual Economic Interests Statement. Filing is due by May 1st and can be completed through the Kane County EIS website. A copy of the certificate should be forwarded to Executive Assistant Amanda Keen to maintain for the record.

Director's Report

Annual Sexual Harassment Training

Deputy Director Heather Zabski remarked that the State of Illinois requires all elected officials and public employees to complete annual Sexual Harassment Training. Zabski will email a PowerPoint presentation to the Trustees for their review to complete their requirement.

Department Reports and Dashboard

Executive Director Dodson highlighted positive feedback the library received from the community on social media during National Library Week, the importance of ALA's annual publication The State of America's Libraries Report, a recent ALA press release on book bans and challenges, the success of the Seed Library, along with the popularity of our Randall Oaks and spring holiday programs.

Consent Agenda

Exhibit A.1 Items to be included in Consent Agenda

- A.1.a Minutes from the March 19, 2024 Board of Trustees Meeting**
- A.1.b Check/Voucher Register for March 2024**
- A.1.c Monthly Financial Report for March 2024**
- A.1.d Revenue Summary – All Funds Combined – Budget v Actual Revenues**
- A.1.e Revenue Summary – All Funds Combined by Period**
- A.1.f Expenditure Summary – All Funds Combined – Budget v Actual Expenses**
- A.1.g Expenditure Summary – All Funds Combined – Budget v Actual Expenses by Location**
- A.1.h Expenditure Summary – All Funds Combined by Period**
- A.1.i Balance Sheet for March 2024**
- A.1.j Ehlers Investment Inventory for March 2024**

Weber inquired if there were any items Trustees would like removed for further discussion. Hearing none, she called for a motion to *APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A.1.a THROUGH A.1.j AS PRESENTED*. Moved by Goyke and seconded by Finn, Weber called for a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote: Goyke, Lauer, Wisniewski, Finn, Dellamaria, Weber – 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Exhibit B.1 Strategic Plan Discussion – Executive Director Amy Dodson

Weber noted there was no motion to be made. Executive Director Dodson provided the Trustees with an updated draft of the strategic plan for 2024-2029. The management team formed a Strategic Planning Committee to examine different planning models, discuss potential goals and craft the language used. Dodson presented the committee's progress in defining four areas of focus: Spaces And Experiences; Staff Support; Community Connections; and Life-Long Learning. The upcoming strategic plan will include a vision statement, lend a positive outlook on the future of the library, and will improve and expand upon current efforts as advised by the consulting firm ReThinking Libraries. The committee recommends a finalized plan which will be outwardly community focused, feature brief and easy to understand descriptions and modernized language. Dodson presented each of the four areas, explaining that a five-year plan would provide enough time to achieve significant progress in these areas and then led a discussion to receive feedback from the Trustees. It was unanimously agreed that the Strategic Planning Committee was headed in the proper direction and the final draft will be presented at the next meeting.

New Business – none

Adjournment

Weber inquired if there were any topics Trustees wished to address in the future. Trustee Lauer provided an article on the use of artificial intelligence technology and its effects on children. Lauer noted that library technology could be used in the future to potentially commit crimes and wanted to review and amend current policies. Weber then called for a motion to ADJOURN. Moved by Goyke and seconded by Dellamaria, Weber called for a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote: Goyke, Lauer, Wisniewski, Finn, Dellamaria, Weber – 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.