

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE LEMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
COOK AND DUPAGE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS
HELD AT THE LIBRARY DISTRICT EVENT SPACE
50 EAST WEND STREET, LEMONT, ILLINOIS**

February 10, 2026

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

The Board President called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. The following trustees answered present: Laura Burt-Nicholas, Patricia Camalliere, Melanie Grzesik-Duffy, Vytenis Kirvelaitis, Renee Miller, and Michaeline Skibinski. Library Director Mary Golden was also present.

2. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

3. Approval of Minutes

Trustee Skibinski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Grzesik-Duffy, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 13, 2026. A voice vote was taken. All said aye. The motion passed. There was a motion made by Trustee Camalliere, seconded by Trustee Burt-Nicholas, to approve the minutes of the executive session of January 13, 2026. A voice vote was taken. All said aye. The motion passed.

4. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that the library received nearly \$191,000 in fall 2024 property taxes from Cook County in January. Approximately 10% of anticipated funds were outstanding. Spring bills will be sent between February 27 and March 2 with a due date of April 1, but there was no way to monitor the timing of payments. A motion was made by Trustee Camalliere and seconded by Trustee Miller to approve the Treasurer's report as submitted:

Chase Bank	
Checking Account	\$ 40,578.09
Savings Account	106.77
Illinois Funds	
Money Market e-pay	103,553.10
Illinois National Bank	
e-Pay	1,000.00
Lemont Bank & Trust	
Money Market	13,047.16
PMA	
Operating Account	749,037.26
LTD	---

A roll call was taken. Trustees Burt-Nicholas, Camalliere, Grzesik-Duffy, Kirvelaitis, Miller, and Skibinski answered aye. There were no nays. The motion passed.

5. Payment of Bills

There was a motion made by Trustee Miller and seconded by Trustee Skibinski, to approve payment of total accounts payable, ACH payments, and payroll in the amount of \$ 126,021.29. A roll call was taken. Trustees Burt-Nicholas, Camalliere, Grzesik-Duffy, Kirvelaitis, Miller, and Skibinski answered aye. There were no nays. The motion passed. Trustee Skibinski made a motion, seconded by Trustee

Burt-Nicholas, to approve payment of an administrative bond fee in the amount of \$475. A roll call was taken. Trustees Burt-Nicholas, Camalliere, Grzesik-Duffy, Kirvelaitis, Miller, and Skibinski answered aye. There were no nays. The motion passed.

6. Reports

a. Board President

No report.

b. Library Director

Library Director Golden highlighted her written report and made some additions:

- ◆ PLC (Pinnacle Library Consortium) held its annual strategic planning meeting on January 16. The Pinnacle All-Staff Day was scheduled for August 7, 2026.
- ◆ Last month the library launched LX Starter, Innovative Interface's replacement for legacy email notices. The transition was smooth. The communication platform would be more reliable in providing circulation notices. Lemont is the second Pinnacle library to move successfully to LX Starter.
- ◆ Due to increased cyber threats, the staff would be renewing cybersecurity training, enforcing regular monitoring and the use of Keeper Password Manager, and verifying VPN and remote access. Replacement and refreshment of workstations would begin in fiscal year 2027.
- ◆ The library received a \$2,000 Mini-Pilot grant from Cook County to help establish a Digital Navigator Network among suburban Cook County libraries.
- ◆ *Youth Mental Health First Aid Training*, sponsored by the Lemont Junior Woman's Club, will be held on February 28.
- ◆ The Winter Learning Challenge continued through February 28. Upcoming programs included *Self-Defense for Seniors*, *Monday Morning Moseys* with the Lemont Walking Club, a longevity lesson, and *Sleep: The Missing Link to Better Health*. The Director thanked the Friends of the Library for sponsoring *Sounds So Relaxing*, a sound therapy program.

7. Committee Reports

a. Technology

The committee will investigate upgrading cameras and replacing the security system DVR.

b. Policy and Personnel

The committee did not meet last month.

c. Finance

The committee did not meet last month. Members will meet in April to work on the budget.

d. Planning and Goals

The committee did not meet last month.

e. Building and Grounds

The committees did not meet last month.

8. New Business

a. Set Date for Special Board Meeting

A special board meeting would be held on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. to review applications for the vacant board seat and interview the candidates. Any candidate unable to attend in person will be invited to connect virtually. The trustees discussed questions to ask.

9. Old Business

a. Board Vacancy Updates

Six applications were received for the vacant trustee position.

b. HVAC Upgrades

Before the meeting, the Building and Grounds Committee received information from the HVAC vendor, which broke the project into three phases. The committee will review the proposal.

10. Executive Session

There was no need to move into executive session.

Trustee Camalliere asked about the survey that had been proposed by the Planning and Goals Committee. The Director said committee members had discussed conducting a small, focused, 3-5 question survey. It would provide actionable information and data which could be acted upon immediately. An initial questionnaire would serve as practice for a larger, more comprehensive survey. Topics and methods were still being deliberated. Trustee Camalliere suggested attempting to attract the wider community, not just patrons who frequented the library.

11. Correspondence

The library received a FOIA request from the organizations Judiciocracy LLC, COGS (Coalition Opposing Government Secrecy), and Children of the Court for invoices and agreements with attorneys representing the library all of 2024 up to July 18, 2025. The Director fulfilled the request.

12. Adjournment

Trustee Skibinski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. A voice vote was taken. All said aye. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ramona Stephens-Žemaitis
Recording Secretary