MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE LEMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
COOK AND DUPAGE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS
HELD AT THE LIBRARY LEARNING CENTER
50 EAST WEND STREET, LEMONT, ILLINOIS

March 8, 2026

1. **Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call**
   The Board President called the meeting to order at 2:05 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 members of the public present.

3. **New Business**
   Discussion of Board Vacancy candidates and Possible Action to Appoint New Trustee
   At a special meeting on February 25, the Board interviewed five candidates for the open trustee position: Stephanie Bullwinkel, Nicole Buti, Timothy Czuba, Heather Siegel-Hickman, and Lauren Wade. The President noted that the candidates were all well-qualified, which made selecting only one of them difficult. Everyone agreed that every candidate presented a credible and capable option. The trustees discussed the candidates' qualifications: their backgrounds, relevant experience, and vision for the library's future. The applicants were all team players, seemed open to the opinions of others, and made pertinent suggestions to the board.

   The trustees were concerned that, once they made their selection, they might lose the remaining four applicants, who all had extensive abilities and talents to offer the library. The board decided to invite them to join or create a citizens advisory committee. If the board recommended library improvements that necessitated additional funds, such a community-based group discusses and finds ways to promote a referendum. Board members are only allowed to inform and educate the public about referendum plans, not advocate for a referendum. Trustee Burt-Nicholas agreed that their diverse expertise would be invaluable and that the board should maintain contact with the remaining candidates. Trustee Camalliere proposed making a citizen's advisory group a subcommittee of the Planning and Goals Committee.

   Although she would not have a vote in the matter, the President was curious about Director Golden's opinions of the candidates. The Director commented on the various strengths the applicants possessed and shared her thoughts on the attributes of each candidate that may be beneficial to the board.

   A motion was made by Trustee Camalliere and seconded by Trustee Miller to appoint Timothy Czuba to serve the remainder of resigned Trustee Sanders's term. A roll call was taken. Trustees Burt-Nicholas, Camalliere, Kirvelaitis, Miller, and Skibinski said aye. There were no nays. Trustee Grzesik-Duffy abstained. The motion passed. Trustee Burt-Nicholas suggested reviewing and updating orientation and training for new trustees.

4. **Old Business**
   None.

5. **Executive Session**
6. **Open Session**
   There was no need to move into executive session.

7. **Adjournment**
   Trustee Skibinski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Burt-Nicholas, to adjourn the meeting at 2:34 p.m. A voice vote was taken. All said aye. The meeting was adjourned.

   Respectfully submitted,
   Ramona Stephens-Žemaitis, Recording Secretary