



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE CICERO PUBLIC LIBRARY HELD AT THE
CICERO PUBLIC LIBRARY ON
MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2026
5:00 P.M.

Prior to calling the meeting to order, President Grazzini noted the following:

The president and Board of Trustees welcome you as observers to this public meeting. You are reminded this meeting is for the deliberations of the Board of Trustees, in contrast to a public hearing where members of the district are encouraged to participate. Unless invited by the President to speak, observers are requested not to interrupt the meeting in order that the concerns of the Library may be attended to efficiently. If the President recognizes you, please state your name & address and direct your remarks to the Board of Trustees.

President Anthony Grazzini called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

Roll Call

Secretary Mary Hernandez called roll. The following Trustees were present: President Anthony Grazzini, Vice-President Mario Castaneda, Secretary Mary Hernandez, Trustees Omar Manouzi, Rosemarie Esposito, Rosalba Raygoza and Alfonso Vega. Also present were Library Director Sandra Tomschin, Library Board Attorney Matt Byrne and Recording Secretary Maria Salinas.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes

Secretary Hernandez made a motion to accept and place on file the March 9, 2026 Regular Meeting Open Session Minutes as presented. Trustee Vega seconded the motion. Roll call: All Trustees present voting aye: President Grazzini, Vice-President Castaneda, Secretary Hernandez, Trustees Manouzi, Esposito, Raygoza and Vega. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Bills

Trustee Esposito made a motion to approve and pay the April 2026 bills as presented and place on file. Trustee Raygoza seconded the motion. Roll call: All Trustees present



voting aye: President Grazzini, Vice-President Castaneda, Secretary Hernandez, Trustees Esposito, Manouzi, Raygoza and Vega. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Salaries

Secretary Hernandez made a motion to approve the March 2026 salaries as presented. Trustee Manouzi seconded the motion. Roll call: All Trustees present voting aye: President Grazzini, Vice-President Castaneda, Secretary Hernandez, Trustees Esposito, Manouzi, Raygoza and Vega. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Administrative Director's Report

Library Director Sandra Tomschin reported the following updates.

Administrative

- In honor of Mr. Antoine Shaw's memory, the library was closed early on March 25, 2026, to allow for all staff to grieve and participate in the "Drawing for Mr. Shaw" program. It was a touching event, with the presence of Mr. Shaw's family. Mr. Shaw touched the hearts of many patrons and staff, who were so heartbroken with his untimely passing, may he rest in peace.
- Work continued with Library Market with the new redesign of the Library's website.
- Library continued to be in the running for the state's expanded equalization grant and anticipated a status soon.
- A full-time Youth Services position has become available and will be posted internally. We are hopeful that a current part-time employee will apply for the position. There will also be an external posting for two part-time Youth Service employees as the current employees have resigned to pursue further educational and internship opportunities.
- The Town of Cicero has approved their budget at their last board meeting. Consequently, the library's budget is on the agenda for approval. The library's budget reflected that there would not be an increase in property taxes.
- The EV Charging Station Ribbon Cutting Ceremony has been scheduled for April 21, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

Programs

All of the March events were a huge success!

- We continue to attend Unify Fridays at Unity Junior High School.
- Social Workers from Youth Crossroads were made available to staff to provide support for their grieving in the recent loss of Mr. Antoine Shaw.
- Garden Club programming continues to grow.



- A partnership is planned with the Cook County Sheriff to offer both youth and senior citizen programming.
- We continue to find additional programming to fill the need of our public demands.

Library Director Tomschin asked the Board if they had any questions. They indicated none.

Trustee Vega made a motion to accept the Library Director's Report as presented in the Board Packet and place on file. Secretary Hernandez seconded the motion. Roll call: All Trustees present voting aye: President Grazzini, Vice-President Castaneda, Secretary Hernandez, Trustees Esposito, Manouzi, Raygoza and Vega. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Department Reports

Vice-President Castaneda made a motion to accept the report for the Circulation Department for the month of March 2026 as presented and place on file. Trustee Manouzi seconded the motion. Roll call: All Trustees present voting aye: President Grazzini, Vice-President Castaneda, Secretary Hernandez, Trustees Esposito, Manouzi, Raygoza and Vega. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Trustee Vega made a motion to accept the report for the Technical Service Department for the month of March 2026 as presented and place on file. Trustee Manouzi seconded the motion. Roll call: All Trustees present voting aye: President Grazzini, Vice-President Castaneda, Secretary Hernandez, Trustees Esposito, Manouzi, Raygoza and Vega. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Trustee Manouzi made a motion to accept the report for the Reference Department for the month of March 2026 as presented and place on file. Secretary Hernandez seconded the motion. Roll call: All Trustees present voting aye: President Grazzini, Vice-President Castaneda, Secretary Hernandez, Trustees Esposito, Manouzi, Raygoza and Vega. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Vice-President Castaneda made a motion to accept the report for the Youth Services Department for the month of March 2026 as presented and place on file. Trustee Manouzi seconded the motion. Roll call: All Trustees present voting aye: President Grazzini, Vice-President Castaneda, Secretary Hernandez, Trustees Esposito, Manouzi, Raygoza and Vega. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Secretary Hernandez made a motion to accept the report for the Maker Space Department for the month of March 2026 as presented and place on file. Trustee Vega seconded the motion. Roll call: All Trustees present voting aye: President Grazzini, Vice-President Castaneda, Secretary Hernandez, Trustees Esposito, Manouzi, Raygoza and Vega. Nays: None. Motion carried.



Trustee Vega made a motion to accept the report for the Outreach Department for the month of March 2026 as presented and place on file. Vice-President Castaneda seconded the motion. Roll call: All Trustees present voting aye: President Grazzini, Vice-President Castaneda, Secretary Hernandez, Trustees Esposito, Manouzi, Raygoza and Vega. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence

A letter from the Cook County Sheriff regarding entering a partnership with the library to offer youth and senior citizen programs.

Trustee Esposito made a motion to accept and place on file the correspondence as presented. Trustee Raygoza seconded the motion. Roll call: All Trustees present voting aye: President Grazzini, Vice-President Castaneda, Secretary Hernandez, Trustees Esposito, Manouzi, Raygoza and Vega. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

There was none presented.

New Business

Library Director Tomschin briefed the Trustees on a proposal from Lounge Cat Films to use the library to film an episode of *"Liss is More"*. The filming will consist of a one-day shoot. Upon further discussion by the Trustees, it was the consensus to accept the proposal provided that all guidelines for a certificate of insurance are in place.

Approval of Fiscal Year 2026 Budget for the Cicero Public Library

Trustee Esposito made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget as presented and place on file. Secretary Hernandez seconded the motion. Roll call: All Trustees present voting aye: President Grazzini, Vice-President Castaneda, Secretary Hernandez, Trustees Esposito, Manouzi, Raygoza and Vega. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public Comments

There was none to report.

Adjourn into Executive Session

There was no need for an Executive Session.

Informational Item



President Grazzini announced that the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting would be held on Monday, May 11, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. at the Cicero Public Library.

Adjourn Meeting

Trustee Vega made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:19 p.m. Vice-President Castaneda seconded the motion. Roll call: All Trustees present voting aye: President Grazzini, Vice-President Castaneda, Secretary Hernandez, Trustees Esposito, Manouzi, Raygoza and Vega. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Secretary