



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE CICERO PUBLIC LIBRARY HELD AT THE  
CICERO PUBLIC LIBRARY ON  
MONDAY, MAY 11, 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, Trustees Rosemarie Esposito, Omar Manouzi, Rosalba Raygoza and Alfonso Vega and Secretary Mary Hernandez. Absent: Vice-President Mario Castaneda. Also present were Library Director Sandra Tomschin, Library Board Attorney Matt Byrne and Recording Secretary Maria Salinas.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **Minutes**

Trustee Vega made a motion to accept and place on file the April 13, 2026 Regular Meeting Open Session Minutes as presented. Secretary Hernandez seconded the motion. Roll call: All Trustees present voting aye: President Grazzini, Trustees Manouzi, Esposito, Raygoza, Vega and Secretary Hernandez. Nays: None. Absent: Vice-President Castaneda. Motion carried.

### **Bills**

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



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

### **Salaries**

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

### **Administrative Director's Report**

Library Director Sandra Tomschin reported the following updates.

#### **Administrative**

- Work continued with Library Market to finalize the redesign of the Library's new website.
- Library continued to be in the running for the state's expanded equalization grant and anticipated announcement of the grant awards soon.
- Planning in progress for the kick-off of the Project Next Generation Grant program with the Maker's Space. Summer help workers will be hired to assist Cristian with the programming.
- A staffing assessment will be done and may recommend hiring over the summer to ensure the staffing levels are where they need to be.
- Employee In-Service is scheduled for June 5, 2026. Trustees are always welcomed and encouraged to attend. Breakfast and lunch will be provided to the staff.
- ALA Conference is scheduled for June 25-29, 2026 at McCormick Place. Trustees who want to attend will need to notify Library Director Tomschin and register themselves.

#### **Programs**

All of the April events were a huge success!

- We continue to attend Unify Fridays at Unity Junior High School.
- Participated in the Day of the Young Child event at Unity Junior High School.
- Summer Reading Program Registration is now open.
- Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the EV Charging Station was held and it was a huge success. Thank you to the Trustees who were able to attend.
- Garden Club programming continues to grow. We had a full house for the hydroponic class and we partnered with the Morton Arboretum, the Town of Cicero and Cicero School District 99 to plant 10 trees at Unity Junior High school.
- The Chess Program was a big hit! It was so nice to see many families come out and learn to play Chess.



- A partnership with the Cook County Sheriff to offer both youth and senior citizen programming.
- The Annual Maker's Market will be on Saturday, June 6. Trustees were encouraged to stop by to support local vendors and makers. All proceeds will be budgeted for the Maker Space supplies and equipment. All the tables for the event were sold out.
- 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. Trustee Esposito asked about the programs with the Cook County Sheriff. Library Director Tomschin responded that the Chess Program was the first program they offered and due to the success, they will now have an 8-week chess program. The senior programs would be to offer guidance about the scams that are currently targeting seniors.

President Grazzini noted that the outreach from the Cook County Sheriff has really picked up and that they have worked with the school district to provide guidance to parents. He loved the opportunity of the workshops that have been given to the library and thanked Library Director Tomschin for a great job.

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

### **Department Reports**

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

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

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

Trustee Esposito made a motion to accept the report for the Youth Services Department for the month of April 2026 as presented and place on file. Secretary Hernandez



seconded the motion. Roll call: All Trustees present voting aye: President Grazzini, Trustees Manouzi, Esposito, Raygoza, Vega and Secretary Hernandez. Nays: None. Absent: Vice-President Castaneda. Motion carried.

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

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

### **Correspondence**

President Grazzini discussed the invitation for the Annual Hold My Hand Fundraiser that is being sponsored by the Children's Center of Cicero/Berwyn on October 16, 2026. He noted this was to benefit the Children's Center of Cicero/Berwyn.

Secretary Hernandez noted she attend the event last year and said it was a great event and a nice way to contribute to the community.

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

### **Unfinished Business**

There was none presented.

### **New Business**

President Grazzini reminded the Trustees that at the next meeting, they will need to do the annual evaluation of the Library Director. He indicated that it was due in June.

President Grazzini also discussed a program that was started at the Chicago Public schools with the registration process. He noted that when they verify addresses of the students, they are given an ID. The students can take their school ID and application to obtain a library card. This process facilitates the access for a library card and indicated he would like to mirror this program for the community of Cicero.



Trustee Vega made a motion to accept and place on file the business discussion under New Business as presented. Trustee Manouzi seconded the motion. Roll call: All Trustees present voting aye: President Grazzini, Trustees Manouzi, Esposito, Raygoza, Vega and Secretary Hernandez. Nays: None. Absent: Vice-President Castaneda. 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, June 8, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. at the Cicero Public Library.

### **Adjourn Meeting**

Trustee Vega made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:21 p.m. Secretary Hernandez seconded the motion. Roll call: All Trustees present voting aye: President Grazzini, Trustees Manouzi, Esposito, Raygoza, Vega and Secretary Hernandez. Nays: None. Absent: Vice-President Castaneda. Motion carried.

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