



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE CICERO PUBLIC LIBRARY HELD AT THE
CICERO PUBLIC LIBRARY ON
MONDAY, JUNE 8, 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 5:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Secretary Mary Hernandez called roll. The following Trustees were present: President Anthony Grazzini, Trustees Rosemarie Esposito, Secretary Mary Hernandez, Trustees Omar Manouzi, Rosalba Raygoza and Alfonso Vega. 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

Secretary Hernandez made a motion to accept and place on file the May 11, 2026 Regular Meeting Open Session Minutes as presented. Trustee Vega seconded the motion. Roll call: All Trustees present voting aye: President Grazzini, Trustee Rosemarie Esposito, Secretary Hernandez, Trustees Manouzi, Raygoza and Vega. Nays: None. Absent: Vice-President Castaneda. Motion carried.

Bills

Trustee Raygoza asked about a bill from the Chicago Sun Times. Library Director Tomschin responded that they are for digital and hard copies of the subscriptions



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

Salaries

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

Salaries

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

Administrative Director's Report

Library Director Sandra Tomschin reported the following updates.

Administrative

- Library continued to work continued with Library Market to finalize the redesign of the Library's new website.
- Cicero Police Department have been performing check ins and inspections of the library throughout the day. There was a positive response from the patrons and a big thanks to the first responders.
- Library continued to be in the running for the state's expanded equalization grant and grant awards are expected to be announced soon.
- The engagement letter for the 2024 audit has been signed and the audit should begin soon.
- Planning is in process for the kick-off Project Next Generation Grant program with the Maker's Space. Summer help workers will be hired to assist Cristian with the programming.
- Employee In-Service was on June 5, 2026, update will be provided at the September meeting.
- Collaboration has started with SWAN to form a partnership with the Cicero Public Library and also with Cicero School District 99 to assist with obtaining library cards for all the students. It is hoped that this will be a smooth process to get this rolled out quickly.



Programs

All of the May events were a huge success!

- Summer Reading Program Kick Off was on June 1, 2026 and it was very well attended. A special thanks to the volunteers and the DJ Club from Unity for providing entertainment. Linda and her staff did a great job and can't wait for the end of the year celebration.
- Garden Club programming continues to grow. We have the vegetable garden planted in the west lot and added some annual flowers to the East Garden.
- There were two homeless outreach meetings held with the town of Cicero's Department of Housing. Both meetings were beneficial to our unhoused community members and multiple connections were made with service providers.
- A partnership with the Cook County Sheriff continues to offer both youth and senior citizen programming.
- The Annual Maker's Market was on June 6, 2026, an update will be provided at the September meeting.
- 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.

President Grazzini announced that he received notification for the library to participate in the July 5, 2026 town parade. It was discussed that the library will have a float for this event.

Trustee Vega asked if the library's website can have a portal to facilitate the access to the employee's and trustee's email. Library Director Tomschin responded that she would look into it.

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

Department Reports

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

Trustee Manouzi made a motion to accept the report for the Technical Service Department for the month of May 2026 as presented and place on file. Trustee Vega seconded the motion. Roll call: All Trustees present voting aye: President Grazzini,



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

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

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

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

Correspondence

There was none presented.

Unfinished Business

There was none presented.

New Business

President Grazzini briefed on the proposed Intergovernmental Agreements with Cicero School District 99, SWAN and the Parochial Schools in the community to help increase the library usage. He asked that a flyer be created and posted on the library's website to inform the parents about accessibility for library cards for the kids.

Trustee Vega made a motion to authorize Library Director Tomschin to draft the Intergovernmental Agreement for Library Cards for Kids' Program with Cicero School District 99 and the local Parochial Schools in the community as noted. Trustee Manouzi seconded the motion. Roll call: All Trustees present voting aye: President Grazzini,



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

Trustee Vega made a motion to Authorize Director to approve the July and August 2026 Bills. Trustee Esposito seconded the motion. Roll call: All Trustees present voting aye: President Grazzini, Trustee Rosemarie Esposito, Secretary Hernandez, Trustees Manouzi, Raygoza and Vega. Nays: None. Absent: Vice-President Castaneda. Motion carried.

Secretary Hernandez made a motion to Authorize Director to approve the July and August 2026 Salaries. Trustee Manouzi seconded the motion. Roll call: All Trustees present voting aye: President Grazzini, Trustee Rosemarie Esposito, Secretary Hernandez, Trustees Manouzi, Raygoza and Vega. Nays: None. Absent: Vice-President Castaneda. Motion carried.

Public Comments

There was none to report.

Adjourn into Executive Session

Secretary Hernandez made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 5:28 p.m. Trustee Vega seconded the motion. Roll call: All Trustees present voting aye: President Grazzini, Trustee Rosemarie Esposito, Secretary Hernandez, Trustees Manouzi, Raygoza and Vega. Nays: None. Absent: Vice-President Castaneda. Motion carried.

The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and must be open to the public. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1).

Adjourned from Executive Session

Trustee Vega made a motion to adjourn from Executive Session at 6:17 p.m. Trustee Manouzi seconded the motion. Roll call: All Trustees present voting aye: President Grazzini, Trustee Rosemarie Esposito, Secretary Hernandez, Trustees Manouzi, Raygoza and Vega. Nays: None. Absent: Vice-President Castaneda. Motion carried.



Reconvened to Open Session

Secretary Hernandez made a motion to reconvene to Open Session at 6:17 p.m. Trustee Manouzi seconded the motion. Roll call: All Trustees present voting aye: President Grazzini, Trustee Rosemarie Esposito, Secretary Hernandez, Trustees Manouzi, Raygoza and Vega. Nays: None. Absent: Vice-President Castaneda. Motion carried.

Informational Item

President Grazzini announced that the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting would be held on Monday, September 14, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. at the Cicero Public Library.

Adjourn Meeting

Secretary Hernandez made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 p.m. Trustee Vega seconded the motion. Roll call: All Trustees present voting aye: President Grazzini, Trustee Rosemarie Esposito, Secretary Hernandez, Trustees Manouzi, Raygoza and Vega. Nays: None. Absent: Vice-President Castaneda. Motion carried.

Secretary