

Indian Prairie Public Library  
Board of Trustees Minutes  
Regular Meeting of February 18, 2026

**Board of Trustees Regular Meeting  
February 18, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.**

A. Roll Call

Vice-President Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Secretary Palmisano called the roll. Present: Marian Krupicka, Stacy Palmisano, Themis Raftis, Christina Rodriguez, Samia Wahab

Absent: Donald Damon, Victoria Suriano

Staff Present: Laura Birmingham, Kristen Lawson, Maria Wlosinski

Others:

Vice-President Rodriguez asked for additions and/or corrections to the agenda. There were none.

- B. Mission Statement: Secretary Palmisano read the library mission statement. We enrich our community by providing opportunities to explore, connect, learn and create.

Vision Statement: Secretary Palmisano read the library vision statement. People are inspired and empowered. Dreams are developed and realized.

Values Statement: Secretary Palmisano read the library values statement. We value and respect the individual. We empower and guide each visitor. We aspire to bring people together.

C. Public Comment

D. Communications and Announcements

1. City of Darien Memo re: Recognition of Volunteers

E. Omnibus Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, January 21, 2026

2. Action on Bills/Additional Bills

Krupicka moved, Wahab seconded to approve the Omnibus Consent Agenda. Ayes:

Krupicka, Palmisano, Raftis, Rodriguez, Wahab. Nays: none. Absent: Damon, Suriano.

Motion carried unanimously.

F. Items Deleted from Omnibus Consent Agenda - none

G. Library Director's Report

H. Department Reports

Lawson was very happy to report that the server migration is complete. The mandatory walk-thru for the elevator project took place on February 10. Our current vendor and one other contractor attended. The bid opening will be held on March 10. We are hoping to be able to present the lowest responsible bid at the March Board meeting.

- I. Staff Report – Head of Technology & Maker Services, Sharon Byerly, gave a tour of the Maker Studio. The Board was very impressed with the space, its equipment, and the range of creative possibilities it offers to our patrons.
- J. Reports
1. Treasurer’s Report – backup in packet.
  2. Building and Grounds Committee – no report
  3. Finance Committee – no report
  4. Planning/Outreach Committee – no report
  5. Policy Committee – no report
- K. Unfinished Business - none
- L. New Business
1. Intergovernmental Personnel Benefit Cooperative (IPBC) – The IPBC is an intergovernmental agency created under Illinois statute. It allows units of local government to band together for the purposes of insurance. Established in 1979, it currently has over 180 members spread across Illinois. Birmingham explained that we currently work with a broker who presents us with insurance providers and plan options. We are a small group with only about 24 staff enrolled in the library’s insurance plan - this doesn’t give us much buying power. Before making the decision to switch carriers, we contacted the City of Darien to see if we could join their plan. We found out that they are part of the IPBC; Burr Ridge is as well. Darien has said that they would sponsor the library to join. The Board agreed that it was a good idea and directed Birmingham to have our attorney prepare an intergovernmental agreement to get the process started for 2027.
- M. Scheduled Meetings - none
- N. Adjournment  
At 7:45 p.m. Wahab moved, Palmisano seconded to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: Krupicka, Palmisano, Raftis, Rodriguez, Wahab. Nays: none. Absent: Damon, Suriano. Motion carried unanimously.

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Stacy Palmisano, Secretary