

Indian Prairie Public Library
Board of Trustees Minutes
September 17, 2025

**Budget & Appropriations Hearing
September 17, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.**

- A. Call to Order and Statement of Purpose –President Suriano called the hearing to order at 6:32 p.m. Present were Donald Damon, Stacy Palmisano, Themis Raftis, Christina Rodriguez, Victoria Suriano, Samia Wahab, Laura Birmingham, Kristen Lawson, Maria Wlosinski. Absent: Marian Krupicka. Suriano stated that the purpose of the hearing was to provide the opportunity for public comment on the Budget and Appropriations Ordinance and reviewed the Legal Notice of Public Hearing that was published in the Doings on July 31, 2025.
- B. Public Questions/Comments – none
- C. Closing of Hearing – Suriano closed the hearing at 6:40 p.m.

**Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
September 17, 2025 – 6:40 p.m.**

A. Roll Call

President Suriano called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. Secretary Palmisano called the roll.
Present: Donald Damon, Stacy Palmisano, Themis Raftis, Christina Rodriguez, Victoria Suriano, Samia Wahab
Absent: Marian Krupicka
Staff Present: Laura Birmingham, Kristen Lawson, Maria Wlosinski, Amy Merda
Others:

President Suriano 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. Vela to Maiello & Birmingham re: Thank You
- 2. RAILS re: Catalyst Program

E. Omnibus Consent Agenda

- 1. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, August 20, 2025
- 2. Action on Bills/Additional Bills
- 3. Ordinance #2025-5 Budget and Appropriations Ordinance FY 2025/26
- 4. Estimate of Revenues FY2025/26

5. Approval of 2025 Illinois Public Library Annual Report
Damon moved, Wahab seconded to approve the Omnibus Consent Agenda. Ayes: Damon, Palmisano, Raftis, Rodriguez, Suriano, Wahab. Nays: none. Absent: Krupicka. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Items Deleted from Omnibus Consent Agenda - none

At this point Merda gave her staff report. When she finished the Board continued with the rest of the agenda.

G. Library Director's Report

Suriano noted that the Board will go into closed session next month to conduct the Birmingham's review. Birmingham will send out her report and the survey link by September 23. The survey is due by October 7. Survey results will be discussed during the October closed session.

H. Department Reports

Lawson recapped her written report from the packet. Carpet cleaning took place last week. We implemented email phishing training with staff.

- I. Staff Report – Head of Programming & Outreach, Amy Merda, gave an overview of our 2025 Summer Reading. She was very pleased with the level of engagement – there was a 13% increase in log turn-ins. We had 2,646 participants – they could log their reading on paper or through an app, and they had the choice of counting the number of books read or the number of hours read. We had more community coupons available this year including Chick-fil-A, McDonald's, and Chicago Stars Football Club. Over 25 schools were represented by log turn-ins – Gower West won the trophy for highest participation. We provided great programming throughout the summer including family nights like Shark Night, Tie Dye Night, Animal Quest, Construction Zone, and a Hula Celebration. Other program highlights included Flower Arranging 101 hosted by the Darien Garden Club, a traveling science center in our parking lot, and our first annual puzzle competition. Community outreach highlights included library staff issuing on the spot library cards at District 180 events. On National Night Out we visited two parks and interacted with over 450 attendees. We had 63 Summer Teen Volunteers complete 752 hours of service (a 21% increase in service hours). They do a wonderful job helping with library programs like Family Nights, Reading Buddies, Mission Math, Chess Club, STEAM Lab in Keshav's Garden, and more.

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 - none

M. Meetings Scheduled

A Planning & Outreach Committee meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2025 at 5:15 p.m.
A Building & Grounds Committee meeting is scheduled for October 22, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

N. Adjournment

At 7:32 p.m. Rodriguez moved, Palmisano seconded to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: Damon, Palmisano, Raftis, Rodriguez, Suriano, Wahab. Nays: none. Absent: Krupicka. Motion carried unanimously.

Stacy Palmisano, Secretary