

MINUTES
OAK LAWN PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting, February 17, 2026 at 6:45 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Oak Lawn Public Library Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at Oak Lawn Public Library. President Brightmore called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Trustees Present: Ms. Brightmore, Ms. Mallo, Ms. McCarthy, Ms. McDermott, Ms. O’Keefe, Mr. Schwarzkopf and Mr. Skibinski (6:49 p.m.)

Trustees Absent: None

Staff Present: Ms. Williams, Director; Ms. Donovan, Youth Services Librarian and Ms. McWilliams, Executive Secretary

Visitors: Carla Williams, AFSCME Local 736 and Jane Williams

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Brightmore led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed our visitors.

COMMUNICATIONS/CITIZEN/STAFF COMMENTS

No communications this month

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting, January 20, 2026
Executive Session, January 20, 2026

BILLS AND INVOICES

Payment of bills and invoices for general obligations as represented by checks numbered 40323-40375 for \$192,423.85 as presented.

Report of the voided checks as presented.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR - Personnel Changes

During the month of January 2026, the following staff changes took place:

- Makenzie Garren has been hired as a part-time, Youth Page, in the Youth Services Department effective 01/19/26.
- Laura Blachowicz has been hired as a part-time, Youth Associate, in the Youth Services Department effective 01/19/26.

POLICY REVIEW

No revisions were made to the following policies.

BP 1.3	Bylaws of the Board of Trustees
BP 3.3	Community Use of Bulletin Boards
BP 3.7	Library Credit Cards
BP 3.8	Community Use of Display Cases
BP 3.9	Barring Disruptive Patrons
BP 3.10	Soliciting, Selling and Petitioning Policy
BP 4.6	Website Usage
BP 4.8	Delinquent Patrons
BP 5.2	Evaluation of The Library Director
BP 5.3	Director Evaluation Form

END OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Made by Ms. McCarthy, seconded by Ms. Mallo: To Approve the Consent Agenda items 5-8 as amended. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Ms. Williams presented the Financial Reports.

By the end of January 2026, we would normally be at 8.33% through the budget. We have received 6.65% of our projected revenue and our expenditures are currently at 4.63%.

MOTION: Made by Ms. McDermott, seconded by Mr. Schwarzkopf: To Accept the Financial Reports as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye: Brightmore, Mallo, McCarthy, McDermott, O'Keefe, Schwarzkopf, Skibinski
Motion Passed.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Narrative and Statistical Report

Ms. Williams submitted the monthly reports.

Friends of the Oak Lawn Library Report

The January 8, 2026 meeting minutes were submitted.

OLD BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Village and Community Info

No activity this month

Working Group Reports

No activity this month

OLPL in the News

Several newspaper articles were provided for viewing

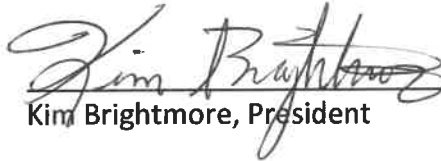
NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

Approve 2026 Illinois Public Library Annual Report (IPLAR)


MOTION: Made by Mr. Skibinski, seconded by Ms. McDermott: To Approve 2026 Illinois Public Library Annual Report (IPLAR) as amended. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Made by Mr. Schwarzkopf, seconded by Mr. Skibinski: To Adjourn the Oak Lawn Public Library Board Meeting 7:56 p.m. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.



Kim Brightmore, President



~~Carrie O'Keefe, Secretary~~
Karrie A. Mallo
Trustee

