

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Bloomingdale Free Public Library
Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees April 13, 2026**

The meeting was called to order by Elizabeth Ford at 7:04pm . She announced that the meeting was in compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.

In attendance were Trustees: Elizabeth Ford, Kelly Graziano, Deanne Martini, Andrea Albrecht, Mary Wescott, and Abby West.

Mary Ellen Garrity, Sara Garden, Laurie Martinka and Council Liaison Jenniffer Hagin were excused.

Also in attendance was Alexandra DeCesare (Library Director).

Oaths of Office: Abby West was sworn in by VP Kelly Graziano.

Minutes of Prior Regular Meeting – A motion was made to approve the February 2026 minutes by Mary Wescott seconded by Andrea Albrecht. All trustees were in favor.

Public Comment – A motion to open Public Comment was made by Deanne Martini, seconded by Kelly Graziano.

With no member of the public coming forth, a motion to close was made by Andrea Albrecht, seconded by Abby West. All trustees were in favor.

Treasurer's Report / State Aid Report / Purchase Order / Budget –

The Treasurer and State Aid reports for January, February, and March were presented by Mary Wescott.

The Purchase Order and Budget reports for February and March were presented by Allie DeCesare.

Motion to approve with correction was made by Deanne Martini, seconded by Andrea Albrecht. In a Roll Call Vote all trustees were in favor.

Collection Statistics / Library Directors Report - The reports for February and March were presented by Allie DeCesare. A motion to approve was made by Mary Wescott, seconded by Andrea Albrecht. All trustees were in favor.

Committee Reports:

Elizabeth Ford proposed new committee assignments for 2026.

Budget Committee- MW, EF

Policies and Procedures- MEG

PR Committee- DM, SG

100th Anniversary Committee- LF, AD

Building Committee—AA, LM

Strategic Plan- EF, AW

Board of Ed- AA

Council Liaison Report- JH

Unfinished Business –

1. Museum Pass Policy—Allie DeCesare presented the Voucher Application for the

American Museum of Natural History.

2. Financial Disclosures- Sent out via the Clerk, to be completed before the end of the month.

3. Budget—The updated Budget was presented by Allie DeCesare, considering the payroll changes approved at the February meeting. Kelly Graziano moved to approve the budget, seconded by Abby West. In a roll call vote all trustees were in favor.

New Business:

1. Trustee Training Requirement- NJSL requires 2 hours of training per Trustee to qualify for NJ State Aid.

2. Capital Expense Plan and Reserve Funds- Resolution 2026-4 whereby \$60,000 is set aside for Capital Projects.

- A motion was made to open the conversation by Abby West, seconded by Andrea Albrecht.
- A motion to close the conversation was made by Abby West, seconded by Deanne Martini.
- Kelly Graziano moved for a roll call vote subject to subsequent provision in the referendum, seconded by Abby West. In a roll call vote all trustees were in favor.

3. Winnie the Pooh Party- as part of the NJCH Grant, we are hosting a Winnie the Pooh party/community read initiative since he is 100 years old too! Allie DeCesare requests that the library close early on Wednesday, May 20th to facilitate an off-site family event. All trustees were in favor.

Public Session – A motion to open Public Session was made at 8:19 pm by Andrea Albrecht seconded by Abby West. With no members of the public coming forward, a motion to close Public Session was made by Kelly Graziano, seconded by Deanne Martini. In a voice vote all trustees were in favor.

Executive Session – No Executive Session held.

Adjournment - A motion to adjourn was made at 8:20 pm by Kelly Graziano seconded by Andrea Albrecht. In a voice vote all trustees were in favor.

Submitted by Alexandra DeCesare