

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Bloomingdale Free Public Library
Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees
April 14, 2025**

The meeting was called to order by Elizabeth Ford at 7:03pm. She announced that the meeting was in compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act. In attendance were Trustees Elizabeth Ford, Robert Bloodgood, Kelly Graziano, Karen Kirby, Jenniffer Hagin, Anrea Albrecht and Mary Ellen Gerrity. Also in attendance was Alexandra DeCesare (Library Director), and Evelyn Schubert (Council Liaison). Deanne Martini was excused.

Oath of Office- Robert Bloodgood administered the Oath of Office to Andrea Albrecht.

Minutes of Prior Regular Meeting – A motion was made to approve the minutes by Robert Bloodgood, seconded by Kelly Graziano. Robert Bloodgood and Mary Ellen Gerrity abstained. All trustees were in favor.

Public Comment – A motion to open Public Comment was made by Karen Kirby, seconded by Kelly Graziano. With no member of the public coming forth a motion to close was made by Robert Bloodgood, seconded by Mary Ellen Gerrity. All trustees were in favor.

Treasurer's Report / State Aid Report – The report for March was presented by Karen Kirby. A motion to approve the reports was made by Robert Bloodgood, seconded by Mary Ellen Gerrity. In a roll call vote all Trustees were in favor.

Purchase Order/Budget Report - The reports for January were presented by Allie DeCesare. A motion to approve the reports was made by Robert Bloodgood, seconded by Jenniffer Hagin. In a roll call vote all trustees were in favor.

Collection Statistics/ Director's Report - The report for January was presented by Allie DeCesare. A motion to approve the reports was made by Robert Bloodgood, seconded by Jenniffer Hagin. In a voice call vote all trustees were in favor.

IMLS/Strategic Plan- Director Allie DeCesare presented the current events surrounding the funding of the Institute for Museum and Library Services, and the impacts on state level funding. Elizabeth Ford introduced Strategic Planning, an initiative that will start with the May Meeting.

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Committee Reports:

Budget Committee – The Budget Committee met to discuss the 2025 Library Budget.

Policies and Procedures Committee – No report

Public Relations Committee – No report.

Grants and Funding Committee – No report

Board of Education Committee – No report

Literacy Foundation – No report

Unfinished Business and General Orders –

Kindles- The Library will obtain up to 3 Kindles for circulation and use by Bloomingdale Library cardholders. A motion to approve the purchase was made by Robert Bloodgood, seconded by Kelly Graziano.

Secretary- The Secretary position remains open.

New Business –

NJLTA- The Board will renew its membership to the NJLTA.

Public Session – A motion to open Public Session was made at 8:48pm by Robert Bloodgood, seconded by Jenniffer Hagin. With no member of the public coming forward, a motion was made to close Public Session was made by Jennifer Hagin, seconded by Robert Bloodgood. In a voice vote all trustees were in favor.

Adjournment - A motion to adjourn was made at 8:51pm by Robert Bloodgood, seconded by Jenniffer Hagin. In a voice vote all trustees were in favor.

Submitted by Alexandra DeCesare