

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Bloomingdale Free Public Library
Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees
March 10, 2025**

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, Karen Kirby, Jenniffer Hagin, and Deanne Martini. Also in attendance was Alexandra DeCesare (Library Director), and Evelyn Schubert (Council Liaison). Robert Bloodgood and Mary Ellen Gerrity were excused.

Elizabeth Ford made a statement regarding the recent loss of longtime Trustee Thomas Kroncke. The Board expressed their gratitude for his years of dedication and service.

Minutes of Prior Regular Meeting – A motion was made to approve the minutes by Karen Kirby, seconded by Jenniffer Hagin. All trustees were in favor.

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

Treasurer's Report / State Aid Report – The reports for January and February were presented by Karen Kirby. A motion to approve the reports was made by Kelly Graziano, seconded by Karen Kirby. In a voice call vote all Trustees were in favor.

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

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

Library Director's Report, Children's Program Report, Adult Program Report, Literacy Program Report – The reports were presented by Allie DeCesare. A motion to approve the reports was made by Karen Kirby, seconded by Jenniffer Hagin. In a voice vote all trustees were in favor.

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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 – None

New Business –

The FY2025 Library Budget was proposed by Alexandra DeCesare. Priorities for 2025 include expanding digital access to patrons, as well as allowing for increased costs of energy and services. In a roll call vote all trustees were in favor.

Alexandra DeCesare proposed renewing NJLA membership. All trustees were in favor.

Public Session – A motion to open Public Session was made at 8:15pm by Elizabeth Ford, seconded by Karen Kirby. With no member of the public coming forward, a motion was made to close Public Session was made by Karen Kirby, seconded by Elizabeth Ford. In a voice vote all trustees were in favor.

Adjournment - A motion to adjourn was made at 8:19pm by Karen Kirby, seconded by Jenniffer Hagin. In a voice vote all trustees were in favor.

Submitted by Alexandra DeCesare