

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Bloomingdale Free Public Library
Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees May 11, 2026**

The meeting was called to order by Elizabeth Ford at 7:02pm . 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, Mary Ellen Garrity, Laurie Martinka and Abby West. Sara Garden and Council Liaison Jenniffer Hagin were excused. Also in attendance was Alexandra DeCesare (Library Director).

Oaths of Office: N/A

Public Session- Due to the presence of the public, a motion was made by Mary Ellen Garrity, seconded by Laurie Martinka to open up Public Session non-agenda items. A member of the public, Valarie Budinich came forward to express her support for the library. She independently started a petition to build a new library and has been collecting signatures around town. She also furthered her support to get involved because of her deep love and commitment to our Library. Further meetings to identify needs were discussed, and The Board praised Valarie's commitment and enthusiasm. A motion was made to close by Andrea Albrecht, seconded by Abby West.

Executive Session – A motion was made to open Executive Session by Mary Ellen Garrity, seconded by Laurie Martinka at 7:15 pm. A motion was made to close Executive Session by Deanne Martini, seconded by Andrea Albrecht at 7:46 pm.

Minutes of Prior Regular Meeting – A motion was made to approve the April 2026 minutes by Laurie Martinka with noted corrections, seconded by Kelly Graziano. All trustees were in favor.

Public Comment – A motion to open Public Comment was made by Mary Ellen Garrity, seconded by Laurie Martinka. 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 April were presented by Mary Wescott. The Purchase Order and Budget reports for April were presented by Allie DeCesare. Motion to approve was made by Kelly Graziano, seconded by Abby West. In a Roll Call Vote all trustees were in favor.

Collection Statistics / Library Directors Report - The reports for April were presented by Allie DeCesare. A motion to approve was made by Mary Ellen Garrity, seconded by Deanne Martini. All trustees were in favor.

Committee Reports:

Elizabeth Ford proposed all new committees hold a meeting to establish their own

schedules and guidelines.

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 –

New Business:

Adjournment - A motion to adjourn was made at 8:23 pm by Deanne Martini seconded by Andrea Albrecht. In a voice vote all trustees were in favor.

Submitted by Alexandra DeCesare