



ELK GROVE VILLAGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES of the ELK GROVE VILLAGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Committee of the Whole Meeting

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

President Maternowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Trustees present: Tim Burns, Isela Catania, JoAnn Shafar, Mary Vitale, and Renee Weiland. Absent: Eileen Valentino. Also present: Debra Nelson, Library Director; Rick Avalos, Head of Building and Security Services; Josh Fulkerson, Network Systems Administrator; Nichole Kelly, Head of Technical Services; Mike Mangini, Business Manager; Adelaide Rowe, Head of Youth Services; Richy Sandberg, Head of Circulation; Marky Kay Stiff, Head of Adult and Teen Services; Dan Eallonardo, Independent Construction Services, Inc.

Dan Eallonardo provided the Trustees with updates regarding the outdoor project. He reviewed the proposal from Romtec and shared his concerns with its payment schedule. Under the proposed terms, if the Library terminated the agreement after formally approving the preliminary submittal, but before authorizing Romtec to begin production, then 75% of the total contract value would still be due. This would mean EGVPL owed Romtec 75% by the time construction bid proposals were issued. Dan attempted to negotiate revised terms to reduce the Library's financial risk, but Romtec was firm that 75% of the full contract amount be paid regardless of whether the outdoor building is constructed. The Board was not comfortable assuming the risk of such a significant financial commitment to Romtec.

Dan suggested to bring an architect for the design work to stay on schedule, give the Library the protection it needs as well as minimizing negative budgetary impacts. He also asked the Board to strongly consider hiring a library architect to create an interior master plan and explained the reasoning behind this suggestion.

The Board agreed with Dan's recommendation to engage a library architect for the outdoor building, with the additional goal of developing an indoor master plan and establishing a long-term relationship with the architect. Dan was instructed to reach out to 3-4 design firms for the outdoor project.

Director Nelson presented the proposed budget for FY 2026-27. She also shared upcoming proposals for laptops, shelving, and flooring to be included on April's board meeting agenda.

Trustee Vitale moved, seconded by Trustee Catania, that the Board exit the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

On a voice vote, the motion was passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Vitale, Secretary pro-tem