



ELK GROVE VILLAGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
of the
ELK GROVE VILLAGE PUBLIC LIBRARY
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 7, 2026

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

Trustees present: Tim Burns, Isela Catania, JoAnn Shafar, Renee Weiland, Eileen Valentino, and Mary Vitale. Also present were Library Director Debra Nelson, Business Manager Michael Mangini, Administrative Assistant Jennifer Snyder and Network Administrator Josh Fulkerson. Department Heads: Adult Services Mary Kay Stiff, Building & Security Rick Avalos, Circulation Services Richy Sandberg, Digital & Maker Services Jake Pajor, Technical Services Nichole Kelley.

MINUTES APPROVED

1. REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Regular Session Meeting Minutes:

Trustee Shafar moved, seconded by Trustee Weiland, that the Board approve the minutes of the Regular Session Meeting held March 3, 2026.

On a voice vote, the motion passed

AGENDA REVIEW

No additions were made to the Agenda

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board reviewed a patron comment regarding the disappointment over the reduction of the audiobook collection. Director Nelson explained that the library is not eliminating audiobooks, but is thinning out items that haven't been checked out in years. This change makes more room for the Large Print collection and reflects the fact that CD players are being phased out. It was noted that even after these changes, the library still has the largest audiobook collection in the area.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

Dan Eallonardo briefly reviewed the proposals from Engberg Anderson and Studio GC for the storage building design services. The Board requested additional time to review the details and will vote on a final decision at the Special Board Meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE SCHEDULE**

Clarification: The Library's flood insurance policy is issued through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and administered by State Farm.

Secretary Valentino moved, seconded by Trustee Vitale, that the Board approve the Accounts Payable Schedule dated April 7, 2026 in the amount of \$210,493.91.

AYES: Burns, Catania, Maternowski, Shafar, Valentino, Vitale, Weiland
NAYS: None

REPORT ON BOARD COMMITTEES

BUILDING & GROUNDS

A Special Board Meeting was scheduled for April 21 at 7:00 pm.

PERSONNEL

No report

POLICY

No report

LEGAL AND FINANCE

No report

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Trustees are invited to join the Friends of the Library luncheon on April 14 at Season's 52.

REPORT FROM LIBRARY DIRECTOR AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

Six staff members attended the PLA Conference in Minneapolis last week, and the ALA Conference is scheduled for June 25-29. The Library had a successful Spring Break with high attendance for all activities. Preparations are underway for the Building & Security Services workroom renovation. The Media Room is temporarily closed to accommodate staff and storage during this project, with plans for a new use for the space in the near future.

One Book, One Community: The Library is currently searching for an off-site location to host an author visit this spring. Once the venue and date are confirmed, the Library will reach out to the preferred author. Plans include a month-long series of programs centered around the book, concluding with the author event.

Sewer Line Backup: A plumbing issue at Village Hall impacted the drainage speed for the Library, eventually resulting in a sewer line backup. It was also discovered that the situation was worsened by someone flushing grocery bags down the toilets. The issue has been resolved.

PENDING BUSINESS

1. Proposed Library Budget

Trustee Shafar moved, seconded by Trustee Burns, that the Board approve the Proposed Library Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

AYES: Burns, Catania, Maternowski, Shafar, Valentino, Vitale, Weiland
NAYS: None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Early Closure of the Library Building for Village Events

The Board discussed the proposal to close the library at 5:00 p.m. on concert dates. Following discussion, no action was taken at this time.

2. Consideration of Proposal from Dell Technologies

Secretary Valentino moved, seconded by Trustee Catania, that the Board approve the proposal from Dell Technologies in the amount of \$23,862 for twelve new laptops to be used for programs.

AYES: Burns, Catania, Maternowski, Shafar, Valentino, Vitale, Weiland

NAYS: None

3. Consideration of Proposal from Library Furniture International

Trustee Vitale moved, seconded by Trustee Weiland, that the Board approve the proposal from Library Furniture International (LFI) in the amount of \$22,906.04 for Library of Things shelving and to replace the toy shelving in Youth Services.

AYES: Burns, Catania, Maternowski, Shafar, Valentino, Vitale, Weiland

NAYS: None

4. Consideration of Proposal from Midway Flooring

Trustee Vitale moved, seconded by Trustee Catania, that the Board approve the proposal from Midway Flooring in the amount of \$21,952.44 for new flooring in the Friends and Building and Security Services workrooms.

AYES: Burns, Catania, Maternowski, Shafar, Valentino, Vitale, Weiland

NAYS: None

5. Consideration of Proposal from Black Pearl Sealcoating

Trustee Vitale moved, seconded by Trustee Weiland, that the Board approve the proposal from Black Pearl Sealcoating for crack filling, sealcoating, and restriping in the amount of \$10,820.

AYES: Burns, Catania, Maternowski, Shafar, Valentino, Vitale, Weiland

NAYS: None

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Catania moved, seconded by Trustee Vitale, that the Board adjourn the Regular Session Meeting.

On a voice vote, the motion passed

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Eileen Valentino, Secretary

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