



# MORTON GROVE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
Cooperman Room  
July 10, 2025  
7:00 P.M.**

The Board of Trustees of the Morton Grove Public Library met on Thursday July 10, 2025, in the Cooperman Room. All packets were distributed in person by Tuesday July 8, 2025. An agenda was posted in the Library and to the Library website 48 hours prior to the meeting, in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Secretary Pelletier acting as Chairperson Pro Tem.

Those answering roll call were Trustees Flores, Jost, Moldofsky, and Pelletier.

Absent were Trustees Hussain and Macejak.

Also present: Executive Director Pamela Leffler and Business Manager Leighton Shell.

Members of the Public Present: there were no members of the public present.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

There were no public comments related to agenda items.

## **APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA OF JULY 10, 2025**

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda of July 10, 2025, which included Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting June 12, 2025, and the Financial Reports for June 2025, was made by Secretary Pelletier and seconded by Trustee Jost.

Ayes: Trustees Flores, Jost, Moldofsky, and Pelletier.

Absent: Trustees Hussain and Macejak.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

There was no President's report.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Finance was covered earlier in the meeting. Facilities will be discussed under Unfinished Business. The Policy Committee is scheduled to meet in August.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

Executive Director Leffler apologized for not having a narrative portion in her report. She will have a more detailed narrative for the August meeting.

Trustee Hussain joined the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Trustee Moldofsky enquired if Director Leffler had reached out to Iliana Gonzalez about the vacancy appointment. Director Leffler confirmed that she had reached out, and that Ms. Gonzalez will be sworn in as trustee at the August meeting. She also confirmed that she notified all of the other applicants.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

##### **Bathroom Renovation**

Director Leffler reported that there were not a lot of updates on the bathroom renovation project. The public bid ad has been posted as required and the bid opening will take place the Tuesday of the following week. SMC will be overseeing the bid opening. After, SMC will go through all the bids and report back to the Board with their recommendations. The Board should have that information in time to vote on it at the August meeting. There was a walkthrough meeting the previous week, which was attended by a number of tradespeople, so we expect to have a good response to the bid process.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Library Closure for Staff Training in November**

Director Leffler reported the library is planning on conducting staff in-service training on Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025. She is requesting approval from the Board to close the library for this training.

A motion to approve closing the library on Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, for staff training was made by Secretary Pelletier and seconded by Trustee Flores.

Ayes: Trustees Flores, Hussain, Jost, Moldofsky, and Pelletier.

Absent: Trustees Macejak.

Trustee Moldofsky asked about what the library is planning to do or can do to promote itself as a safe space with regards to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raids. Director Leffler explained that as a public library we are just as safe as any other public space. To her knowledge, there have not been any attempts to detain anyone on library property. Illinois libraries have been given some general guidance from the attorney on retainer by RAILS (Reaching Across Illinois Library System) and Director Leffler is in the process of developing policy for consideration.

Trustee Moldofsky asked if the library was planning on promoting homebound services for people who do not feel comfortable coming to the library. Director Leffler explained that the current policy restricts homebound delivery services to people with mobility issues who cannot get to the library.

Trustee Moldofsky also expressed concern that people attending library programs and activities could be photographed, and that photographs posted to library social media as marketing could potentially be used by ICE for targeting people. Director Leffler indicated she would discuss it with the managers to determine possible actions the library could take and see what other libraries might be doing.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION – TRUSTEE CANDIDATE APPLICATION REVIEW**

Trustee Moldofsky made a motion to go into Executive Session for “...the appointment, employment compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body,” as allowed per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Trustee Jost seconded the motion.

Ayes: Trustees Flores, Hussain, Jost, Moldofsky, and Pelletier.  
Absent: Trustees Macejak

The Board moved into Executive Session at 7:20 p.m.

Secretary Pelletier called the meeting back into open session at 7:36 p.m.

Those answering roll call were Trustees Flores, Hussain, Jost, Moldofsky, and Pelletier.

Absent was Trustee Macejak.

Also present: Executive Director Pamela Leffler and Business Manager Leighton Shell.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

We received two communications in June. First, we received the Per Capita Grant award letter from Secretary of State and State Librarian Alexi Giannoulis. We also received a thank you note from a patron for customer service she received from Adult and Teen Services Manager Melissa Mayberry and Teen Services Librarian Brenda Ross.

Director Leffler reported that the amount received from the Per Capita Grant was slightly less than the previous year, but that it was negligible.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no non-agenda public comments.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m. by Secretary Pelletier.

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President

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