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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Cooperman Room
January 8, 2026
7:00 P.M.

The Board of Trustees of the Morton Grove Public Library met on Thursday January 8, 2026, in the Cooperman Room. All packets were distributed in person by Tuesday January 6, 2026. 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.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President Macejak.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent were Trustees Flores and Hussain.

Also present: Executive Director Pamela Leffler, Business Manager Leighton Shell, and Head of Access Services Jeff Ray.

Members of the Public Present: none

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There were no public comments related to agenda items.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA OF JANUARY 8, 2026

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda of January 8, 2026, which included Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting December 9, 2025, and Financial Reports for December 2025, was made by President Macejak and seconded by Trustee Jost.

Ayes: Trustees Gonzalez, Jost, Macejak, Moldofsky, and Pelletier.

Absent: Trustees Flores and Hussain

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Macejak wished the Board a happy new year and thanked them for picking up their Board packets rather than having them delivered. She indicated this may be the standard practice going forward.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee was covered under the Consent Agenda. Facilities will be covered under Unfinished Business. Policy Committee did not meet.

STAFF REPORTS

President Macejak expressed concern that there had been no tax money received as of yet and asked Director Leffler for an update. Director Leffler reported that she had reached out to the Cook County Commissioner and Board. She informed the Board that some tax money had been released to some taxing bodies, but they did not release funds to any sub-agencies including village libraries or municipal libraries. The most recent information from Cook County indicated funds would be released to sub-agencies the following week. Director Leffler also reported that she had reached out to the Library's contact at WinTrust Bank to see what options were available should they be needed. In the meantime, the Library has stopped much of the collection purchasing. Should the funds not come in soon, a measure of last resort would be to furlough staff.

Trustee Flores joined the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Executive Director Search Update

Deiters and Todd have completed phone screenings with director applicants and Zoom interviews with the semi-finalists will take place on January 26th and 27th. The in-person interviews with the two finalists will be on February 21st.

Trustee Gonzalez asked if they would receive resumes and information about the candidates prior to the Zoom interviews. Director Leffler said she would confirm that Deiters and Todd will forward the information to the Trustees.

Renovation Update

President Macejak indicated she thought the hallway to the bathrooms looked very nice. Director Leffler reported that the bathroom renovation work was pretty much completed. The renovations passed inspection earlier that day. There were a few punch list items that Tim Murphy and an architect will review the following week. The bathrooms will not be reopened until the end of month just to make sure everything is correct.

Director Leffler also reported that the Baxter Room carpeting has been completely removed. There is still some asbestos abatement to be performed in the projection booth, but the overall end date of the renovation should not change.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

COMMUNICATIONS

There was a communication received regarding the Library's Dungeons and Dragons program, but no action will be taken.

Head of Access Services Jeff Ray gave a brief report on an outreach event to Northwestern University he and other staff members attended where they registered nineteen people for passports. There is the opportunity for another outreach event in March 2026.

PUBLIC COMMENTS NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments related to non-agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m. by President Macejak.

APPROVED:

Elizabeta Macejak
President

2/12/2026
Date

ATTEST:

Aimee Dean
Secretary

2/12/2026
Date