

DEERFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 20, 2026

1. ROLL CALL & CALL TO ORDER

President Luisa Ellenbogen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., in the Board Room, 920 Waukegan Road, Deerfield, IL.

Present Board Members: President - Luisa Ellenbogen, Ken Abosch - Secretary, Seth Schriftman - Treasurer, Stephanie Brand, Josh Charlson, and Emily Fry.

Staff: Amy Falasz-Peterson, Library Director, Kelly DeCorrevont, Head of Finance and Melissa Stoeger, Assistant Director of Adult and Youth Services.

A. Election of New Officers

Ms. Luisa Ellenbogen asked for the election of new officers beginning with the President.

Ms. Ellenbogen had submitted her name for nomination as President.

MOTION: Mr. Seth Schriftman made a motion that the Board suspend Article IV, Section IX of the Bylaws of the Deerfield Public Library Board of Trustees in order to nominate Luisa Ellenbogen for another term as President. Mr. Josh Charlson seconded the motion.

Vote: 6- Yes Luisa Ellenbogen, Ken Abosch, Seth Schriftman, Stephanie Brand, Josh Charlson and Emily Fry.

The motion was approved.

MOTION: Mr. Schriftman made a motion to elect Ms. Ellenbogen as President, seconded by Mr. Ken Abosch.

Vote: 6- Yes Luisa Ellenbogen, Ken Abosch, Seth Schriftman, Stephanie Brand, Josh Charlson and Emily Fry.

The motion was approved.

Mr. Abosch had submitted his name for nomination as Secretary.

MOTION: Mr. Schriftman made a motion to elect Mr. Abosch to serve as Secretary, seconded by Ms. Emily Fry.

Vote: 6- Yes Luisa Ellenbogen, Ken Abosch, Seth Schriftman, Stephanie Brand, Josh Charlson and Emily Fry.

The motion was approved.

Mr. Schriftman had submitted his name for nomination as Treasurer.

MOTION: Mr. Abosch made a motion to elect Mr. Schriftman as Treasurer, seconded by Mr. Charlson.

Vote: 6- Yes Luisa Ellenbogen, Ken Abosch, Seth Schriftman, Stephanie Brand, Josh Charlson and Emily Fry.

The motion was approved.

B. Appointments to Board Committees

Ms. Ellenbogen discussed the List of Board of Trustees Committees.

Deerfield Public Library
List of Board of Trustee Committees
As of 5/20/2026

			<u>Building</u>	<u>Finance</u>	<u>Policy</u>	<u>Memorials</u>	<u>Human Relations</u>
Board Officers:							
President	Luisa	Ellenbogen	X	X	X	X	X
Secretary	Ken	Abosch		X			Chair
Treasurer	Seth	Schriftman	Chair	Chair			X
Board Members:							
	Stephanie	Brand			Chair	X	
	Josh	Charlson	X	X	X		
	Emily	Fry			X	Chair	
	Susan	Jans Blumenfeld	X			X	

2. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD & CORRESPONDENCE

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. April 30, 2026 Regular Meeting (ACTION)

MOTION: Mr. Abosch made a motion to approve the April 30, 2026 Regular Meeting minutes as corrected, seconded by Mr. Schriftman.

Vote: 6- Yes Luisa Ellenbogen, Ken Abosch, Seth Schriftman, Stephanie Brand, Josh Charlson and Emily Fry.

The motion was approved.

B. April 30, 2026 Executive Session (ACTION)

MOTION: Mr. Schriftman made a motion to approve the April 30, 2026 Executive Session minutes, seconded by Mr. Charlson.

Vote: 6- Yes Luisa Ellenbogen, Ken Abosch, Seth Schriftman, Stephanie Brand, Josh Charlson and Emily Fry.

The motion was approved.

C. May 13, 2026 Special Meeting (ACTION)

MOTION: Mr. Abosch made a motion to approve the May 13, 2026 Special Meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Charlson.

Vote: 6- Yes Luisa Ellenbogen, Ken Abosch, Seth Schriftman, Stephanie Brand, Josh Charlson and Emily Fry.

The motion was approved.

D. May 13, 2026 Executive Session (ACTION)

MOTION: Mr. Schriftman made a motion to approve the May 13, 2026 Executive Session minutes as corrected, seconded by Ms. Fry.

Vote: 6- Yes Luisa Ellenbogen, Ken Abosch, Seth Schriftman, Stephanie Brand, Josh Charlson and Emily Fry.

The motion was approved.

4. TREASURER REPORT

A. Monthly Financials: Balance Sheet, Revenue & Expenses (ACTION)

Mr. Schriftman presented the April Financials.

MOTION: Mr. Charlson made a motion to approve the April Financials, seconded by Ms. Fry.

Vote: 6- Yes Luisa Ellenbogen, Ken Abosch, Seth Schriftman, Stephanie Brand, Josh Charlson and Emily Fry.

The motion was approved.

B. List of Checks and Payments for Approval (ACTION)

Mr. Schriftman presented the outstanding list of checks and payments to be approved for April, which included:

AP Checks 15318-15355 + 23 ACHs, WinTrust	\$	<u>78,894.66</u>
The total amount presented for approval	\$	78,894.66

MOTION: Mr. Charlson made a motion to approve the list of checks and payments for approval, seconded by Ms. Fry.

Vote: 6- Yes Luisa Ellenbogen, Ken Abosch, Seth Schriftman, Stephanie Brand, Josh Charlson and Emily Fry.

The motion was approved.

5. LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Director Goals

Ms. Amy Falasz-Peterson provided an update on the Director's report. She requested that board members send her t-shirt size and quantity requests for the July 4 parade. She invited the board to the Summer Reading Kick Off Party on Saturday, June 6 at 10 am. The Library is contributing a scrapbook to the America250 Village time capsule, which will be buried on July 10, 2026.

The Board shared feedback regarding the proposed Director Goals. Ms. Falasz-Peterson will provide an updated version of the goals for board approval at the June 17, 2026 meeting.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Library HVAC Project Update (DISCUSSION)

Ms. DeCorrevont provided an update on the Library's HVAC project. Subcontractors are completing final walkthroughs this week. The HVAC project will be up for board approval in June.

7. NEW BUSINESS

None.

8. OTHER

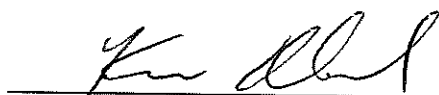
None.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 7:47 p.m., Mr. Schriftman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Fry.

Vote: 6- Yes Luisa Ellenbogen, Ken Abosch, Seth Schriftman, Stephanie Brand, Josh Charlson and Emily Fry.

The motion was approved.



Ken Abosch, Secretary