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Annual Organization Board Meeting Minutes May 13, 2025

Ms. Riales, President, called the Annual Organization Board Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Ms. Felicia Chase
Ms. Mary Clements
Ms. Maria Perez
Ms. Constance Riales
Mrs. Dorothy Smith
Mr. Reginald Stewart

Also in attendance: Library Director Heather Montilla and Administrative Assistant Lili Savage.
There were 26 community members present, including Mayor Harvey.

Public Comment: None

Library Attorney Dee Jarad arrived at 6:31 p.m.

Bellwood Mayor Harvey swore in newly re-elected Trustee Reginald Stewart, 6-year term, 2031 and elected Trustee Patricia Crawford, 6-year term, 2031.

Election of Officers:

President:

A nomination was made by Ms. Crawford, seconded by Ms. Clements for Ms. Riales to be the President.

A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: 4: Ms. Clements, Ms. Crawford, Ms. Perez, Ms. Riales

NAYS: 3: Ms. Chase, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Stewart

ABSTAIN:0:

ABSENT: 0:

The motion passed.

A nomination was made by Ms. Chase, seconded by Mr. Stewart for Mr. Stewart to be the President.

A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: 3: Ms. Chase, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Stewart

NAYS: 4: Ms. Clements, Ms. Crawford, Ms. Perez, Ms. Riales

ABSTAIN:0:

ABSENT: 0:

The motion failed.

Ms. Riales was elected President.

Vice-President:

A nomination was made by Ms. Riales, seconded by Ms. Crawford for Ms. Perez to be the Vice-President. There were no other nominations.

A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: 5: Ms. Clements, Ms. Crawford, Ms. Perez, Ms. Riales, Mrs. Smith

NAYS: 0:

ABSTAIN 2: Ms. Chase, Mr. Stewart

ABSENT: 0:

The motion passed.

Ms. Perez was elected Vice-President.

Secretary:

A nomination was made by Ms. Riales, seconded by Ms. Clements for Ms. Crawford to be the Secretary. There were no other nominations.

A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: 7: Ms. Chase, Ms. Clements, Ms. Crawford, Ms. Perez, Ms. Riales, Mr. Stewart, Mrs. Smith

NAYS: 0:

ABSTAIN:0:

ABSENT: 0:

The motion passed.

Ms. Crawford was elected Secretary.

Treasurer:

A nomination was made by Ms. Riales seconded by Ms. Crawford for Ms. Clements to be the Treasurer. There were no other nominations.

A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: 4: Ms. Clements, Ms. Crawford, Ms. Perez, Ms. Riales

NAYS: 0:

ABSTAIN:3: Ms. Chase, Mr. Stewart, Mrs. Smith

ABSENT: 0:

The motion passed.

Ms. Clements was elected Treasurer.

Appointment of Standing Committees by President

1. Administration Committee

Chairperson Ms. Crawford

Committee member Ms. Clements

2. Building and Grounds Committee

Chairperson Ms. Chase

Committee member Mr. Stewart

3. Finance Committee

Chairperson Ms. Clements

Committee member Ms. Chase

4. Planning and Development Committee

Chairperson Mr. Stewart

Committee member Ms. Perez

5. Public Relations and Legislation Committee

Chairperson Mrs. Smith

Committee member Ms. Clements

Adjournment of the Annual Organization Meeting: Ms. Riales moved to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Clements seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

A roll call was taken.

AYES: 7: Ms. Chase, Ms. Clements, Ms. Crawford, Ms. Perez, Ms. Riales, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Stewart

NAYS: 0:

ABSTAIN: 0:

ABSENT: 0:

The motion passed.

Regular Board Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2025

Ms. Riales, President, called the Bellwood Public Library Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:46 p.m.

Present:

Ms. Felicia Chase

Ms. Mary Clements

Ms. Patricia Crawford

Ms. Maria Perez

Ms. Constance Riales

Mrs. Dorothy Smith

Mr. Reginald Stewart

Absent: None

Also in attendance: Library Director Heather Montilla, Administrative Assistant Lili Savage and Library Attorney Dee Jarad. There were 23 community members present.

Public Comment: None

A motion was made by Ms. Clements, seconded by Mrs. Smith to approve the meeting minutes for April 8, 2025.

A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: 7: Ms. Chase, Ms. Clements, Ms. Crawford, Ms. Perez, Ms. Riales, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Stewart

NAYS: 0:

ABSTAIN: 0:

ABSENT: 0:

The motion passed.

Finance Committee Report:

Ms. Clements gave the finance report which included: Reports of Bills: #857, 857-A, & 857-B. The following reports of bills were submitted, copies of which are included as part of these minutes:

#857 (Bill List) in the amount of	\$ 60,677.81
#857-A (Payroll) in the amount of	\$ 76,294.57
#857-B (Checking) in the amount of	\$ 0.00
TOTAL:	\$ 136,975.38

A motion was made by Ms. Perez, seconded by Ms. Clements for approval of Bills-Reports #857, 857-A, & 857-B. The Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit.
A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: 7: Ms. Chase, Ms. Clements, Ms. Crawford, Ms. Perez, Ms. Riales, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Stewart

NAYS: 0:

ABSTAIN: 0:

ABSENT: 0:

The motion passed.

Other Committee Reports:

- a. Administration Committee (Chairman: Trustee Clark-Smith)
 - i. No report.
- b. Building and Grounds Committee (Chairman: Trustee Chase)
 - i. Ms. Chase reported about the sewer/pipe issue.
- c. Finance Committee (Chairman: Treasurer Clements)
 - i. No report
- d. Planning and Development Committee (Chairman: Secretary Stewart)
 - i. No report.
- e. Public Relations and Legislation Committee (Chairman: Trustee Perez)
 - i. No report.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

A motion was made by Ms. Clements, seconded by Ms. Chase for Library closure on Friday, May 30, 2025 between 11:15 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. for Retirement Luncheon (Sophia Brown, 35+ years of service and Laurel Schilling, 8 years of service).

A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: 7: Ms. Chase, Ms. Crawford, Ms. Clements, Ms. Perez, Ms. Riales, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Stewart

NAYS: 0:

ABSTAIN: 0:

ABSENT: 0:

The motion passed.

Communication/Announcements:

1. The patron commended our librarian Jenni on how well she teaches the computer classes and suggested for Canva and EXCEL classes.
2. More POP UP Library Programs to come.

Library Director Report: The report is posted on the Bellwood Public Library's web page.

Public Comments

A patron brought up the recent firing of the Library of Congress Director, Carla Hayden. How does this affect the Bellwood Library? Director Montilla addressed the concerns as it relates to the Bellwood Library.

Adjournment: Mrs. Smith moved to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.
A roll call was taken.

AYES: 7: Ms. Chase, Ms. Clements, Ms. Crawford, Ms. Perez, Ms. Riales, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Stewart

NAYS: 0:

ABSTAIN: 0:

ABSENT: 0:

The motion passed.

Patricia Crawford, Secretary