

## **Bellwood Public Library**

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### Special Board Meeting Minutes August 25, 2025

Ms. Riales, President, called the Bellwood Public Library Board of Trustees meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

#### Present:

Ms. Mary Clements  
Ms. Constance Riales  
Mrs. Dorothy Smith  
Mr. Reginald Stewart

#### Absent:

Ms. Felicia Chase  
Ms. Patricia Crawford

Also in attendance: Director Heather Montilla, Business Manager Ashley Matthews and Library Attorney via phone and enroute. There were no community members present.

Ms. Crawford arrived at 5:36 pm.

Public Comment: NONE

A motion was made by Ms. Clements, seconded by Mrs. Smith that the board convene into Closed Session at 5:37 p.m. for:

Pursuant to Section ILCS 120/2(c)(3) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act for the selection of a person to fill a public office, as defined by this Act, including a vacancy in a public office, when the public body is given power to appoint under law or ordinance.

A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: 5: Ms. Clements, Ms. Crawford, Ms. Riales, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Stewart

NAYS: 0:

ABSTAIN:0:

ABSENT: 1: Ms. Chase

The motion passed.

Ms. Chase arrived at 5:38 pm.

Library Attorney Dee Jarad arrived at 5:47 pm

A motion was made by Ms. Riales, seconded by Ms. Chase to return to the regular session at 7:29 p.m.

A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: 6: Ms. Chase, Ms. Clements, Ms. Crawford, Ms. Riales, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Stewart

NAYS: 0:

ABSTAIN:0:

ABSENT:0:

The motion passed.

A motion was made by Ms. Clements, seconded by Ms. Chase to fill vacancy of the Library Board with Elizabeth Ramirez.

A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: 6: Ms. Chase, Ms. Clements, Ms. Crawford, Ms. Riales, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Stewart

NAYS: 0:

ABSTAIN:0:

ABSENT:0:

The motion passed.

**Public Comments:** None

**Adjournment:** Ms. Chase moved to adjourn the Special Board meeting, Ms. Clements seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

AYES: 6: Ms. Chase, Ms. Clements, Ms. Crawford, Ms. Riales, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Stewart

NAYS: 0:

ABSTAIN:0:

ABSENT:0:

The motion passed.

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Patricia Crawford, Secretary