

Bellwood Public Library

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Board Meeting Minutes June 8, 2026

Trustee Riales, President, called the Bellwood Public Library Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Present:

Trustee Mary Clements
Trustee Patricia Crawford
Trustee Elizabeth Ramirez
Trustee Constance Riales
Trustee Dororthy Smith
Trustee Reginald Stewart

Absent: None

Also in attendance: Head of Adult & Bibliographic Kara Spizzirri, Business Manager Ashley Matthews, Administrative Assistant Lili Savage, and Library Attorney Dee Jarad.

There were four community members present.

Public Comment: None

All Trustees verbally agreed to move the Presentation and Questions for the Audit for the Fiscal Year Ending 2025.

A motion was made by Trustee Ramirez seconded by Trustee Clements to accept the Audit for Fiscal Year Ending 2025 as presented.

A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: 5: Trustee Clements, Trustee Crawford, Trustee Ramirez, Trustee Riales, Trustee Smith
NAYS: 0:

ABSTAIN: 1: Trustee Stewart

ABSENT: 0:

The motion passed.

A motion was made by Trustee Clements, seconded by Trustee Crawford to approve the Board meeting minutes for May 11, 2026.

A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: 6: Trustee Clements, Trustee Crawford, Trustee Ramirez, Trustee Riales, Trustee Smith, Trustee Stewart

NAYS: 0:

ABSTAIN: 0:

ABSENT: 0:

The motion passed.

A motion was made by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Trustee Clements to approve the Special Board meeting minutes for May 16, 2026.

A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: 6: Trustee Clements, Trustee Crawford, Trustee Ramirez, Trustee Riales, Trustee Smith, Trustee Stewart

NAYS: 0:

ABSTAIN: 0:

ABSENT: 0:

The motion passed.

Finance Committee Report:

Trustee Clements gave the finance report which included: Reports of Bills:#870, 870-A, & 870-B. The following reports on bills were submitted, copies of which are included as part of these minutes:

#870 (Bill List) in the amount of	\$ 56,645.83
#870-A (Payroll) in the amount of	\$ 91,334.73
#870-B (Checking) in the amount of	\$ 0.00
TOTAL:	\$ 147,980.56

A motion was made by Trustee Ramirez, seconded by Trustee Clements for approval of Bill-Reports #870, 870-A, & 870-B. The Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit.

A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: 6: Trustee Clements, Trustee Crawford, Trustee Ramirez, Trustee Riales, Trustee Smith, Trustee Stewart

NAYS: 0:

ABSTAIN: 0:

ABSENT: 0:

The motion passed.

A motion was made by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Smith to suspend the rules for Pursuant to Section 2 (c)(1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act to go into closed session at 6:37 pm.

A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: 6: Trustee Clements, Trustee Crawford, Trustee Ramirez, Trustee Riales, Trustee Smith,

Trustee Stewart

NAYS: 0:

ABSTAIN: 0:

ABSENT: 0:

The motion passed.

A motion was made by Trustee Ramirez, seconded by Trustee Clements to return to board meeting at 7:33 pm.

A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: 6: Trustee Clements, Trustee Crawford, Trustee Ramirez, Trustee Riales, Trustee Smith, Trustee Stewart

NAYS: 0:

ABSTAIN: 0:

ABSENT: 0:

The motion passed.

Committee Reports:

- a. Administration Committee (Chairman: Secretary Trustee Crawford)
 - i. Closed Session.
- b. Building and Grounds Committee (Committee Member: Trustee Stewart)
 - i. Trustee Stewart refers to the Business Manager Ashley Matthews. Ms. Matthews gave an update on the ADA Ramp project.
- c. Finance Committee (Chairman: Treasurer Clements)
 - i. No report
- d. Planning and Development Committee (Chairman: Trustee Stewart)
 - i. No report.
- e. Public Relations and Legislation Committee (Chairman: Trustee Smith)
 - i. No report.

Old Business: None

New Business:

A motion was made by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Stewart for approval of a Special Board meeting to be held on Wednesday, July 8, 2026 at 3:30 p.m. for the second-round interviews of the Director candidates.

A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: 6: Trustee Clements, Trustee Crawford, Trustee Ramirez, Trustee Riales, Trustee Smith, Trustee Stewart

NAYS: 0:

ABSTAIN: 0:

ABSENT: 0:

The motion passed.

A motion was made by Trustee Ramirez, seconded by Trustee Clements for approval of the change to Interim Executive Committee members as presented to the board to be effective June 15, 2026 with Elizabeth Auger, becoming the new Head of Youth Services to replace Jose Cruz, to become the new Outreach Librarian.

A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: 6: Trustee Clements, Trustee Crawford, Trustee Ramirez, Trustee Riales, Trustee Smith, Trustee Stewart

NAYS: 0:

ABSTAIN: 0:

ABSENT: 0:

The motion passed.

Communication/Announcements: None

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

Public Comments: None

Adjournment: Trustee Crawford moved to adjourn the meeting, Trustee Ramirez seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m. All voted by voice, Aye.

Trustee Patricia Crawford, Secretary