

Bellwood Public Library

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Special Board Meeting Minutes July 20, 2026

Trustee Riales, President, called the Special Bellwood Public Library Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Present:

Trustee Mary Clements
Trustee Patricia Crawford
Trustee Elizabeth Ramirez
Trustee Constance Riales
Trustee Dorothy 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 was one community members present.

Public Comment: A patron met one of the reference librarians and the Outreach Librarian and spoke of how accommodating they both were here at the library.

A motion was made by Trustee Ramirez, seconded by Trustee Clements that the board convene into Closed Session at 6:06 p.m. for:

Pursuant to Section 2(c)(3) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act (5ILCS 120/ 2(c)(3) to discuss 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.

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 reconvene to the

regular session at 7:33 p.m.
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.

New Business:

A motion was made by Trustee Ramirez, seconded by Trustee Clements to appoint Alice Bey-Pugh to fill the trustee vacancy on the Board created by the resignation of Felicia Chase's loss of residence in the Village of Bellwood.
A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: 5: Trustee Clements, Trustee Crawford, Trustee Ramirez, Trustee Riales, Trustee Stewart
NAYS: 0:
ABSTAIN: 1: Trustee Smith
ABSENT: 0:
The motion passed.

Trustee Alice Bey-Pugh was sworn in by Trustee Patricia Crawford. Trustee documents were then signed by Trustee Bey-Pugh.

Public Comments: None

Adjournment: Trustee Clements moved to adjourn the meeting, Trustee Stewart seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. All voted by voice, Aye.

Trustee Patricia Crawford, Secretary