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Special Board Meeting Minutes July 8, 2026

Trustee Riales, President, called the Special Bellwood Public Library Board of Trustees meeting to order at 3:33 p.m.

Present:

Trustee Mary Clements
Trustee Patricia Crawford
Trustee Elizabeth Ramirez
Trustee Constance Riales

Absent:

Trustee Dorothy Smith
Trustee Reginald Stewart

Also in attendance: Head of Adult & Bibliographic Kara Spizzirri, Business Manager Ashley Matthews, and Library Attorney Dee Jarad (via zoom). There were 2 guests.

Trustee Smith arrived at 3:34 p.m.

Public Comment: None

A motion was made by Trustee Ramirez, seconded by Trustee Clements that the board convene into Closed Session at 3:35 p.m. for:

Pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, and/or dismissal of specific employees, volunteers, or legal counsel of the library.

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

NAYS: 0:

ABSTAIN:0:

ABSENT: 1: Trustee Stewart

The motion passed.

A motion was made by Trustee Clements, seconded by Trustee Smith to reconvene to the regular session at 8:02 p.m.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYS: 0:

ABSTAIN:0:

ABSENT: 1: Trustee Stewart

The motion passed.

New Business:

A motion was made by Trustee Clements, seconded by Trustee to table the consideration and possible approval of the appointment of the Library Director.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYS: 0:

ABSTAIN:0:

ABSENT: 1: Trustee Stewart

The motion passed.

Public Comments: None

Adjournment: Trustee Smith moved to adjourn the meeting, Trustee Ramirez seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m. All voted by voice, Aye.

Trustee Patricia Crawford, Secretary