Broadview Public Library District

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Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 26, 2026 - 7:00 pm

A Regular Board Meeting of the Broadview Public Library District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, February 26, 2026 at the Broadview Park District located at 2600 S. 14th Avenue, Broadview, IL 60155.

Trustees present for the meeting were:

President Bradley Wooten
Secretary Myisha Owens – arrived 7:07pm
Trustee Princess Dempsey
Trustee Venita Mendez
Vice President Willie Akins
Treasurer Skyla Gibson
Trustee Stacy Bufford

A quorum was present and the meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.

Motion: Approval of appointing Trustee Princess Dempsey as Secretary pro-tem for the February 26, 2026 Regular Board Meeting.
Motioned by: President Bradley Wooten and properly seconded.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: **6** Nays: **0** Absent: **1** Abstain: **0**
Vote Result: Motion carried

Approval of Agenda,
No objections were made and the Thursday, February 26, 2026 meeting agenda was approved as published.
Motioned by: President Bradley Wooten and properly seconded.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: **6** Nays: **0** Absent: **1** Abstain: **0**
Vote Result: Motion carried

Public Comment/Community Announcements,
No public comments were observed.

Approval of Minutes,
Regular Board Meeting Minutes – Thursday, January 22, 2026 – accepted as circulated.
Special Board Meeting Minutes – Monday, February 16, 2026 – accepted as circulated.

New Business,

Information & Discussion: Restoring Communication between Taxing Bodies.

Vice President Willie Akins formally requested approval from the Board, for the library to share library-related information with the Village of Broadview for inclusion in the Village's automated robo-calls and digital newsletters. This aims to enhance community outreach during the library's emergency closure and ensure that residents are effectively informed about temporary relocated library programs and services.

Motion & Approval: Building Inspection & Vendor Approval.

Director King presented information regarding vendors and corresponding quotes for the rebuilding efforts necessitated by the recent water damage. In addition, Director King provided quotes for conducting a comprehensive facility assessment, noting that the cost for a full evaluation was estimated to be almost $3,000. After consideration, the Board recommended that a complete facility assessment be conducted prior to initiating any repair work, ensuring that all underlying issues are properly identified and addressed before reconstruction begins.

Motion:	Approval of selecting vendor Creative Alt. LLC to perform a facility assessment prior to having vendor SMC Construction Services to complete building repairs while Director Tanya King and Operations Manager Maurice Goodson serve as the GC of the project.
Motioned by:	Trustee Princess Dempsey and properly seconded.
Roll Call Vote:	Ayes: **7** Nays: **0** Absent: **0** Abstain: **0**
Vote Result:	Motion carried

Information: Community Meetings.

Director King informed the Board of her plan to initiate a series of community meetings to be held at the Broadview Park District's Schroeder Park. The purpose of these meetings is to promote transparency with residents regarding the ongoing rebuilding process and to provide a forum for open communication during the period of emergency closure. These sessions will offer residents the opportunity to voice concerns, ask questions, and receive rebuilding updates.

Information – Curbside Services.

Once plumbing services are fully restored at BPLD, Director King intends to implement temporary curbside services, including checkout, copying, and faxing, to continue serving the public during the building's ongoing restoration.

Information – FOIA.

Director King informed the Board of an individual that has been submitting multiple FOIA requests to neighboring libraries, apparently with the intent of identifying potential compliance issues that could lead to legal action. BPLD has recently become one of the latest libraries to become a part of this pattern of inquiries.

Motion & Approval: Cook County Property Tax Disbursement Delays.

Director King brought to the Board's attention ongoing delays in the distribution of property taxes by the Cook County Tax Board, noting that these delays have resulted in the library incurring significant losses in potential interest revenue. She further informed the Board that a class-action lawsuit has been filed against the Cook County Tax Board on behalf of Cook County libraries affected by these delays. BPLD has been presented with the opportunity to join this class action suit, which could help recover lost funds and address the financial impact caused by the tardy tax distributions.

Motion: Approval of adding the Broadview Public Library District to the class action lawsuit filed against the Cook County Tax Board.
Motioned by: President Bradley Wooten and properly seconded.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: **7** Nays: **0** Absent: **0** Abstain: **0**
Vote Result: Motion carried

Information – Audit.

Director King provided an update to the Board of Trustees, informing them that a representative from Lauterbach & Amen will be delivering an audit presentation at next month's Board meeting.

Information – Employee Spotlight.

Director King shared with the Board an article published in the *ILA Reporter* featuring BPLD employee, Megan Johnson. In addition, she took the opportunity to acknowledge and commend the management team for their dedication during the challenges posed by the emergency closure.

Motion & Approval: Unpaid Bills for February 2026.

The board reviewed the current month's financial expenditures for approval. Discussion of credit card charges under the Staff Recognition budget line ensued. A request for an itemized breakdown of that account was made.

Motion: Approval of the February 2026 expenditures.
Motioned by: Trustee Princess Dempsey and properly seconded.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: **7** Nays: **0** Absent: **0** Abstain: **0**
Vote Result: Motion carried

Executive Session,

No Executive Session was held.

Approval of Items Discussed in Closed Session,

N/A.

Officer Reports,

Treasurer, Skyla Gibson presented an oral report of the expenditure totals for the month of January 2026.

	January 2026
Payroll & Benefits	**$ 61,795.24**
General Checking	**$ 54,195.02**
Totals	**$ 115,990.26**

Executive Director Report,

The Executive Director's report was dispensed in the trustee packets.

Adjournment,

Motion: Adjournment of the February 26, 2026 BPLD Regular Board Meeting at 8:06 p.m.
Motioned by: Trustee Princess Dempsey and properly seconded.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: **7** Nays: **0** Absent: **0** Abstain: **0**
Vote Result: Motion carried

President, Bradley Wooten

Acting Secretary, ~~Princess Dempsey~~

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Approved Date