

MINUTES  
Chicago Ridge Public Library  
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting  
February 9, 2026

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

President Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Responding to roll call were Trustees Fletcher, Janik, Sujak, and Werley. Also present was Business Manager Brittany Lies.

**2. Audience to Visitors**

No Visitors at this time.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

President Fitzgerald called for additions or corrections to the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 12, 2026.

3.1 It was moved by Trustee Janik and seconded by Trustee Werley:

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 12, 2026 WITH THE CORRECTION BE APPROVED

AYES: Fitzgerald, Fletcher, Janik, Sujak, and Werley

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Grabinski and Pawlowski

ABSTAIN: None

3.2 Trustees Grabinski and Pawlowski arrived at the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

**4. Financial Reports and Approval of Bills**

4.1 It was moved by Trustee Grabinski and seconded by Trustee Werley:

THAT THE REVISED INCOME STATEMENT AND BALANCE SHEET FOR DECEMBER 2025 BE APPROVED

AYES: Fitzgerald, Fletcher, Grabinski, Janik, Pawlowski, Sujak, and Werley

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

4.2 It was moved by Trustee Grabinski and seconded by Trustee Pawlowski:

THAT THE INCOME STATEMENT AND BALANCE SHEET FOR JANUARY 2026 BE APPROVED

AYES: Fitzgerald, Fletcher, Grabinski, Janik, Pawlowski, Sujak, and Werley

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

4.3 It was moved by Trustee Grabinski and seconded by Trustee Werley:

THAT THE FEBRUARY 2026 CLAIMS LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$166,832.77 BE APPROVED

AYES: Fitzgerald, Fletcher, Grabinski, Janik, Pawlowski, Sujak, and Werley  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

## **5. Communications**

Comment cards were reviewed and discussed. A report from Knowledge Exchange for the 2025 year end library donations was provided. Business Manager Lies informed Trustees of the upcoming Trustees webinars.

## **6. Director's Report**

Staff attended an orientation for the Metropolitan Family Services Employee Assistance Program virtually on January 22nd and all managers attended an additional training session as well.

The Employee Appreciation Party was postponed due to the extreme cold weather. This party will be rescheduled at a later date.

The remaining ceiling tiles have been replaced and the library has received the final billing and close out documents for the roof replacement.

Business Manager Lies provided an update to the delayed property tax distribution, noting that the library has received some funds but not all. Director Wishnick has joined other Cook County library Directors to work together to push for the full distribution.

E-Rate Form 471 for Comcast fiber internet service has been submitted.

The library held the inaugural Chicago Ridge Community Partnership meeting organized by Programming & Marketing Coordinator Lori Lysik on January 28th.

Library staff are exploring opening program registration to Chicago Ridge Library cardholders before opening to the general public. This would ensure our cardholders receive priority in registering for our popular programs.

2025 library statistics were reviewed, noting growth in the eLibrary circulation, study room usage and reference transactions. However, the library as a whole is seeing a decline in library visits and total circulation.

Winter Reading began in both Youth and Adult Services. Youth Services continues to offer several programs for children and teens. Youth Services Librarian Johnson had a special guest, Skates from the Chicago Wolves hockey team.

## **7. Committee Reports**

No committee reports at this time.

## **8. New Business**

8.1 The Board reviewed and discussed the 2025 library statistics.

8.2 Illinois Public Library Standards Advocacy and Community Engagement were reviewed and discussed. The library meets all Core Standards and most of the Intermediate and Advanced requirements.

8.3 It was moved by Trustee Werley and seconded by Trustee Grabinski:  
THAT THE FY2026 IPLAR BE APPROVED

AYES: Fitzgerald, Fletcher, Grabinski, Janik, Pawlowski, Sujak, and Werley

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

8.4 It was moved by Trustee Pawlowski and seconded by Trustee Werley:  
THAT THE UNATTENDED CHILDREN POLICY WITH THE RECOMMENDED CHANGES BE APPROVED

AYES: Fitzgerald, Fletcher, Grabinski, Janik, Pawlowski, Sujak, and Werley

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

## **9. Trustee Comments**

Trustee Grabinski inquired about the tax distributions.

Trustee Fletcher inquired about the unattended children.

President Fitzgerald informed Trustees of the new public comment addition to the agenda.

## **10. Adjournment**

There being no objections; the meeting was adjourned 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Brittany Lies  
Business Manager

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Stan Pawlowski  
Secretary