

MINUTES
Chicago Ridge Public Library
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
January 12, 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 Grabinski, Janik, Pawlowski, Sujak, and Werley. Also present were Director Dana Wishnick and Brittany Lies.

Trustee Fletcher arrived at 7:01 p.m.

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 December 15, 2025.

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

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 15, 2025 WITH THE CORRECTION BE APPROVED

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

4. Financial Reports and Approval of Bills

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

THAT THE 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 Fletcher:

THAT THE JANUARY 2026 CLAIMS LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$160,292.57 BE APPROVED

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

5. Communications

Cook County Treasurer's office sent a letter regarding the delay in property tax distributions. Director Wishnick provided an update on the delay.

6. Director's Report

Circulation Clerk Padalino moved into a IMRF Circulation Clerk position January 1, 2026

Youth Services Librarian Johnson, Business Manager Lies and Programming and Marketing Coordinator Lysik revamped the Library's Social Committee.

The Staff Appreciation Party will be held at the end of the month.

IHC was onsite on January 8th to complete the final to-do list. The library is still waiting on the final documents.

The library received two generous donations; one was from the Chicago Ridge Lions Club in the amount of \$200 to help provide needs to the unhoused patrons, and the other was from Susan Wishnick in the amount of \$500.

The library donated numerous hats and mittens from its Winter Giving Tree to Penny Lane and the local nursing homes but a majority of the items collected were given to anyone in need in our library community.

The library received word that our FY2026 Per Capita Grant has been approved. The library also completed its Annual Certification on January 5, 2026.

The Palace Project went live in January 2026; the library will soon promote the new eBook collection.

Youth Services offered various holiday parties and participated in the Caring Cards project where children, teens and adults were offered to write and decorate cards. The cards were delivered to local nursing homes.

Adult Services hosted its fourth annual craft fair and has seen a rise in requests for hygiene products from patrons.

7. Committee Reports

No committee reports at this time.

8. New Business

8.1 It was moved by Trustee Pawlowski and seconded by Trustee Janik:

THAT THE LIBRARY LATE OPENING FOR STAFF TRAINING ON JANUARY 22, 2026 BE APPROVED

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

8.2 Introduction to the new Illinois Public Library Standards and Access were reviewed and discussed. The Library meets all Core Access Standards and most of the Intermediate and Advanced requirements.

9. Trustee Comments

Trustee Fletcher inquired about the Blessings Box.

10. Adjournment

There being no objections; the meeting was adjourned 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brittany Lies
Business Manager

Stan Pawlowski
Secretary