

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

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Responding to roll call were Trustees Fletcher, Grabinski, Janik, Pawlowski, and Werley. Also present was Library Director Dana Wishnick.

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 February 9, 2026.

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

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 9, 2026 BE APPROVED

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Sujak

ABSTAIN: None

4. Financial Reports and Approval of Bills

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

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Sujak

ABSTAIN: None

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

THAT THE MARCH 2026 CLAIMS LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$115,522.61 BE APPROVED

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Sujak

ABSTAIN: None

5. Communications

Comment cards and a Google review were reviewed and discussed. Director Wishnick informed the Trustees of the ATLAS Annual Trustee Day in May at the Oak Lawn Library. Director Wishnick provided an informational email regarding property tax collection and an update on the delay.

6. Director's Report

The Employee Appreciation Party has been rescheduled for Friday, April 10, 2026.

Director Wishnick provided an update to the delayed 2024 property tax distribution, noting that funds are continuing to trickle in. First installment 2025 property tax bills are due April 1, 2026.

Director Wishnick reminded trustees that they have until May 1, 2026 to file their 2025 Statement of Economic Interests with Cook County.

Winter Reading has now ended. Youth Services saw three new readers enrolled in 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten and one new reader enrolled in 100 Books Before Graduation.

Adult Services has seen an increase in the Monday movie attendance and with reference questions related to tax season. Adult Services now has shower passes back in stock and continues to provide materials to homebound patrons. Audiobook checkouts have increased in both Libby and the Palace Project.

7. Committee Reports

No committee reports at this time.

8. New Business

8.1 Illinois Public Library Standards Buildings and Grounds were reviewed and discussed. The library meets all Core Standards and most of the Intermediate and Advanced requirements.

9. Trustee Comments

Trustee Werley reported login issues with Kanopy.

Trustee Werley inquired about laundry cards for unhoused patrons.

10. Adjournment

There being no objections; the meeting was adjourned 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brittany Lies
Business Manager

Stan Pawlowski
Secretary