MINUTES
Chicago Ridge Public Library
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
October 12, 2026

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
President Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Responding to roll call were Trustees Grabinski, Fletcher, Pawlowski, Sujak and Werley. Also present were Library Director Dana Wishnick and Business Manager Brittany Lies.

2. Audience to Visitors
No Audience to Visitors.

3. Approval of Minutes
3.1 President Fitzgerald called for additions or corrections to the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 14, 2026.

It was moved by Trustee Werley and seconded by Trustee Pawlowski:
THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2026 BE APPROVED

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

3.2 President Fitzgerald called for additions or corrections to the Minutes of the Special Meeting of September 21, 2026

It was moved by Trustee Werley and seconded by Trustee Grabinski:
THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2026 BE APPROVED

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

3.3 President Fitzgerald called for additions or corrections to the Minutes of the Special Meeting Executive Session of September 21, 2026

It was moved by Trustee Werley and seconded by Trustee Grabinski
THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING EXECUTIVE SESSION OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2026 BE APPROVED

AYES: Fitzgerald, Fletcher, Grabinski, Pawlowski, Sujak, and Werley
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Janik
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 SEPTEMBER 2026 BE APPROVED

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

4.2 It was moved by Trustee Grabinski and seconded by Trustee Werley:
THAT THE OCTOBER 2026 CLAIMS LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF $103,741.70 BE APPROVED

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

5. Communications
The Reporter featured an article on the Library's Community Partnership meeting, and Google reviews were reviewed.

6. Director's Report
The library held its in-service on September 10th where staff received CPR/AED training, information regarding tornado and fire drills and had the chance to use a fire extinguisher. Later in the afternoon, departments held staff meetings.

The annual sexual harassment prevention training requirement has been assigned to all staff and board members.

Metropolitan Family Services is moving away from the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) business and sold their EAP services to AllOne Health. The Metro EAP Director is moving to AllOne and has agreed to honor our price for next year's renewal.

Upon request of the board at the September meeting, Director Wishnick reached out to the library's insurance agent to ask if the library should file an insurance claim. They responded that given the deductible and cost of the repairs that they wouldn't advise to file.

Youth Services Manager Ciciora with the help from Director Wishnick cleared the weeds in the sidewalk in late August.

The library has started to receive payments from the 2025 second property tax distributions.

OSG has credited the library the cost of the battery backup and will take possession of the equipment.

The Reporter published an article highlighting the Chicago Ridge Community Partnership on September 2nd.

Programming and Marketing Coordinator Lysik-Forney, Youth Services Manager Ciciora, and Director Wishnick participated in the 1st Annual Pathlights' AgeWell Community Walk on September 12th. The library team raised $80.00 for the walk.

The library will be in attendance for the Village's Halloween event where they will run the pumpkin patch and hold a costume contest.

Youth Services hosted three school visits in the month of September and Adult Services Manager Baggili hosted her book club by having the Soon to Be Famous Author project's winner, Sara Fujumura, attend the group to discuss her book *Breathe*.

Director Wishnick and Adult Services Manager Baggili purchased two pre-loaded cards from the new Slots Laundry on 106th and Ridgeland. Each card has $6.00 on it and patrons are allowed to ask for a pass once a month and have to return the pass in order to utilize it again.

7. Committee Reports
No Committee Reports at this time.

8. Old Business
No Old Business at this time.

9. New Business
9.1 Illinois Public Library Standards: Programming were reviewed and discussed. The library meets all but one core requirement which will be addressed in 2027.

9.2 It was moved by Trustee Werley and seconded by Trustee Pawlowski:
THAT THE INTERLIBRARY LOAN POLICY BE APPROVED

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

9.3 Director Wishnick left the meeting at 7:27 p.m. A motion was made by Trustee Werley and seconded by Trustee Pawlowski to close the regular meeting at 7:27 p.m.

9.4 A motion was made by Trustee Werley and seconded by Trustee Pawlowski to open the regular meeting at 7:41 p.m. Director Wishnick returned to the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

9.5 It was moved by Trustee Pawlowski and seconded by Trustee Grabinski:
THAT THE 2026 DIRECTOR EVALUATION BE APPROVED

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

10. Trustee Comments
Trustee Werley inquired about a patron incident.

11. Adjournment
There being no objections; the meeting was adjourned 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Brittany Lies
Business Manager

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Stan Pawlowski
Secretary