ALSIP-MERRIONETTE PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MINUTES
February 10, 2026

PAR. 1 The regular monthly meeting of the ALSIP-MERRIONETTE PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES was called to order at 5:00 pm by President Leyva. Roll was called. Present were Trustees Buergel, Dujsik, McLaughlin, Opila, Schneider, and President Leyva. Absent was Trustee McKendree. A quorum was present. Ms. Cottonaro, Director; Ms. Regan, Business Manager; Ms. Malysa, Youth Services Manager; Ms. Navabi, Adult Services Manager; Ms. Leyva, Patron Services Manager and Mr. Craig, Patron Services Clerk, were also in attendance. No public was present.

PAR. 2 The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PAR. 3 **MINUTES:** Motion made by Trustee Dujsik, seconded by Trustee Buergel, to accept and place on file the regular board meeting minutes of January 13, 2026, as corrected. Motion carried by voice vote 6 – 0.

PAR. 4 **ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** No Report.

PAR. 5 **OFFICERS' REPORTS:**

PAR. 6 **PRESIDENT REPORT**: No Report.

PAR. 7 **VICE PRESIDENT:** No Report.

PAR. 8 **SECRETARY:** No Report.

PAR. 9 **TREASURER:** The financial report for January 2026 was presented for approval.

PAR. 10 Motion made by Trustee Opila, seconded by Trustee Buergel, to place on file the financial report for January 2026, as presented. Roll #1 was called. Voting was 'Aye' by Trustees Buergel, Dujsik, McLaughlin, Opila, Schneider, and President Leyva. No 'Nays'. Motion carried 6 – 0.

PAR. 11 **FINANCE:** A list of invoices dated February 10, 2026, was presented for payment.

PAR. 12 Motion made by Trustee Opila, seconded by Trustee Buegel, to approve the payment of February 10, 2026, invoices in the amount of $264,802.93, as presented. Roll #2 was called. Voting was 'Aye' by Trustees Buergel, Dujsik, McLaughlin, Opila, Schneider, and President Leyva. No 'Nays'. Motion carried 6 – 0.

PAR. 13 **BUILDING & GROUNDS:** Director Cottonaro reported that she is currently working with the maintenance department to streamline our building automation.

PAR. 14 **POLICY:** Motion made by Trustee Opila, seconded by Trustee Schneider, to approve the revised Bereavement Policy 8.75.1, as presented. Roll #3 was called. Voting was 'Aye' by Trustees Buergel, Dujsik, McLaughlin, Opila, Schneider, and President Leyva. No 'Nays'. Motion carried 6 – 0.

PAR. 15 **BY-LAWS:** The board would like to review the Directors' threshold for spending.
**

PAR. 16 **PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Director Cottonaro reported that the Village of Alsip is presently planning for their 100th Anniversary of their municipality celebration.

PAR. 17 **PERSONNEL:** No Report.

PAR. 18 **TRUSTEE EDUCATION:** Director Cottonaro supplied all trustees with copy of the Illinois Public Library Standards: Collection Management.

PAR. 19 A lively discussion ensued regarding the Library Standards for Collection Management.

PAR. 20 **INSURANCE:** No Report.

PAR. 21 **MANAGERS REPORTS:** Manager's reports were placed on file.

PAR. 22 Director Cottonaro wants to commend Youth Services Assistant Manager, Ms. Baillie, for all her help with the marketing department.

PAR. 23 **LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Director's report was placed on file. Most items were previously discussed.

PAR. 24 Director Cottonaro reported that the large compressor replacement project is underway.

PAR. 25 Director Cottonaro said Ms. Leyva, Ms. Baillie, Ms. Bronkala and Ms. Dearborn have done fabulous work serving in a marketing role in the absence of a dedicated staffer.

PAR. 26 Director Cottonaro went on to say that she will be focusing on policy and procedure in the workplace at the upcoming staff in-service on February 27, 2026.

PAR. 27 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

PAR. 28 **NEW BUSINESS:** None.

PAR. 29 **PUBLIC DISCUSSION:** None.

PAR. 30 **TRUSTEE COMMENTS:** None.

PAR. 31 Motion made by President Leyva, seconded by Trustee Buergel, to move to executive session at 5:54 pm. Motion carried by voice vote 6 – 0.

PAR. 32 Motion made by President Leyva, seconded by Trustee McLaughlin, to reconvene the regular board meeting at 6:07 pm. A quorum was present.

PAR. 33 Motion made by President Leyva, seconded by Trustee Shneider, to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 pm. Motion carried by voice vote 6 – 0.

REBECCA DUJSIK, SECRETARY

_____

ALSIP-MERRIONETTE PARK
PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
APPROVED-AMENDED_____ DATE_____
** Denotes follow-up needed