

**WINNETKA-NORTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

November 17, 2025

I. Call to Order

The meeting was held at the Winnetka Library, 768 Oak St., Winnetka, Illinois. President Freechack called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

II. Roll Call

Present were Trustees Matt Kinnich, Ranjini Shankar, Jenny Fisher, Lindsay Jenkins, Sarah Munoz, and Sarah Tegel; Board President Laura Freechack; and Library Executive Director Monica Dombrowski.

Present were library employees Mark Swenson and Laura Martinez.

Present was Northfield resident and Village liaison, Matt Galin.

III. Public Comments

No public comments.

IV. Consent Agenda

- *Approval of October 20, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes*
- *Approval of October 2025 Revenue & Expense Summary*
- *Approval of October 2025 Bill List*

The Consent Agenda was approved upon motion by Trustee Kinnich, and confirmed by voice vote.

V. Library Reports

- *Director's Report*

Exec. Director Dombrowski presented the November 2025 Director's Report, which was included in the board packet for the November 17, 2025 Regular Meeting.

- *President's Comments*

President Freechack shared that she will attend the Winnetka Village Council meeting in February. She thanked the members of Friends of the Library who recently retired, and welcomed new members. President Freechack reminded trustees that the December meeting will include director performance review training.

VI. Village Reports

- *Winnetka Report*

Trustee Fisher shared that a four-story mixed development project has been approved at Tower and Green Bay Rd. The Winnetka Village Board ~~has approved~~ ^{Plans to} ~~has approved~~.

~~1.45% increase~~ inflationary adjustment and an ~~.88%~~ increase to capture the impact of new development in the village for a total proposed levy increase of 2.35%. MA 12/15/25

- *Northfield Report*

Trustee Jenkins shared that the Northfield Village Council approved the library expansion project, estimating 6-8 months for design and concept approvals.

Middlefork Elementary's funding proposal will be released in March, and a Parks referendum is expected.

VII. Unfinished Business

- *Update on Building Projects*

Exec. Director Dombrowski reported that the Winnetka project is nearly finished; a new emergency door will need to be ordered for the lower level. New display shelving and youth improvements arrive this week.

Regarding Northfield, Exec. Director Dombrowski and team members will soon meet with the Northfield Village Council to determine communications plans for the renovation project. There is also a scheduled kick-off meeting with the architect.

VIII. New Business

- *Discussion & Vote on FY25-26 Non-Resident Card Ordinance**

No changes proposed.

The FY25-26 Non-Resident Card Ordinance was approved upon motion by Trustee Munoz, and confirmed by voice vote.

- *Discussion & Vote on FY25-26 Levy**

Roll call vote to approve the FY25-26 Levy:

YES: 6

NO: 0

IX. Communications

Next regular meeting: Next regular meeting: Monday, December 15, 2025 at Northfield Library.

X. Public Comment

No public comment.

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Jenkins.

The motion passed on voice vote and President Freechack adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Tegel
Board Secretary

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