

Evanston Public Library Board of Trustees MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 6:30 PM Main Library, Community Meeting Room, and Remote

Members Present

Samia Amamoo. Arikpo Dada, Tracy Fulce, Catie Huggins, Jean Keleher, Michelle Mills, Meghan Shea, Victoria Shire, and Esther Wallen.

Members Absent

None

Staff Present

Renee Grassi, Heather Norborg, Marché Pernell, Sameer Notta, Ellen Riggsbee, and Yolande Wilburn.

Presiding Member

Tracy Fulce, President

Call to order/Declaration of Quorum.

President Fulce called the meeting to order when a quorum of Trustees was established at 6:39 p.m.

Land Acknowledgement

Read by Jean Keleher

Citizen Comment

None

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Management Committee Meeting Minutes August 20, 2025
- B. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes August 20, 2025
- C. Approval of Special Board Meeting Minutes September 3, 2025
- D. Approval of Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes September 11, 2025
- E. Approval of Finance Committee Meeting Minutes September 11, 2025
- F. Approval of Bills and Payroll

Motion: Trustee Wallen moved, seconded by Trustee Shea, to approve the consent agenda.

Roll call vote taken: Trustee Amamoo, Trustee Dada, Trustee Fulce, Trustee Huggins, Trustee Keleher, Trustee Mills, Trustee Shea, Trustee Shire, and Trustee Wallen voted aye. No nays. Motion carried.

Library Director's Report

(Distributed in Advance)

Staff Report

- A. Administrative Services Report (Distributed in Advance)
- B. Facilities Report (Distributed in Advance)
- C. Monthly Development Report (Distributed in Advance)
- D. Robert Crown Branch Library Team Update Presentation

Board Reports

- A. President's Report
- B. Finance Committee
- C. Management Committee
- D. Facilities Committee
- E. DEIB Committee

Old Business

A. Approval of the Tax Levy increase of 10%.

Motion: Trustee Wallen moved, seconded by Trustee Shea, to approve the Tax Levy increase of 10%.

Roll call vote taken: Trustee Amamoo, Trustee Dada, Trustee Fulce, Trustee Huggins, Trustee Keleher, Trustee Mills, Trustee Shea, Trustee Shire, and Trustee Wallen voted aye. No nays. Motion carried.

New Business

A. Approval of the Budget and Agenda for October 17–18 Board Retreat.

Motion: Trustee Mills moved, seconded by Trustee Huggins, to approve the budget and Agenda for the October 17–18 Board Retreat.

Roll call vote taken: Trustee Amamoo, Trustee Dada, Trustee Fulce, Trustee Huggins, Trustee Keleher, Trustee Mills, Trustee Shea, Trustee Shire, and Trustee Wallen voted aye. No nays. Motion carried.

Adjournment

MOTION: Moved by Trustee Mills and seconded by Trustee Dada to adjourn. A voice vote was taken—all ayes. No nays. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Roll call vote taken: Trustee Amamoo, Trustee Dada, Trustee Fulce, Trustee Huggins, Trustee Keleher, Trustee Mills, Trustee Shea, Trustee Shire, and Trustee Wallen voted aye. No nays. Motion carried.

Submitted by

Catie Huggins, Secretary Evanston Public Library Board of Trustees