



**Evanston Public Library Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, February 18, 2026, 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 (joined virtually), Victoria Shire, and Esther Wallen

Members Absent

Meghan Shea

Staff Present

Heather Norborg, Sameer Notta, Jennifer Shreve, and Ellen Riggsbee

Presiding Member

Trustee Fulce, President

Call to order/Declaration of Quorum.

President Fulce called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m., at which time a quorum of Trustees was established.

Land Acknowledgement

The land acknowledgement was read by Trustee Keleher.

Citizen Comment

Aquila Bey, PhD

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Management Committee Meeting Minutes, January 21, 2026
- B. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes, January 21, 2026
- C. Approval of Management Committee Meeting Minutes, January 26, 2026
- D. Approval of Communication Sub-Committee Minutes, February 3, 2026
- E. Approval of DEIB Committee Meeting Minutes February 10, 2026
- F. Approval of Finance Committee Meeting Minutes February 12, 2026
- G. Approval of Bills and Payroll

Motion: Trustee Wallen moved, seconded by Trustee Keleher, to approve the consent agenda as amended. **Action:** Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote: Trustees Amamoo, Dada, Fulce, Huggins, Keleher, Mills, Shire, and Wallen voted aye. No nays. **Action:** Motion carried.

Amended Agenda

Motion: Trustee Dada moved, seconded by Trustee Shire, to amend the agenda to include a discussion on succession planning under Old Business.

Roll Call Vote: Trustees Amamoo, Dada, Fulce, Huggins, Keleher, Mills, Shire, and Wallen voted aye. No nays. **Action:** 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. 2025 Year-End Development Report by Jennifer Shreve
- E. 2025 Annual Report Presentation by Ellen Riggsbee

Board Reports

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

New Business

- A. Approval of FY2025 Illinois Public Library Annual Report (IPLAR) application.
Motion: Trustee Dada moved, seconded by Trustee Huggins, to approve the IPLAR report.
Roll Call Vote: Trustees Amamoo, Dada, Fulce, Huggins, Keleher, Mills, Shire, and Wallen voted aye. No nays. **Action:** Motion carried.
- B. Acceptance and approval of the Executive Director's resignation and approval of the separation agreement.
Motion: Trustee Wallen moved, seconded by Trustee Mills, to accept and approve the Executive Director's resignation and to approve the separation agreement.
Roll Call Vote: Trustees Amamoo, Dada, Fulce, Huggins, Keleher, Mills, Shire, and Wallen voted aye. No nays. **Action:** Motion carried.
- C. Interim Executive Director Search RFP (Action)
Motion: Trustee Mills moved, seconded by Trustee Huggins, to obtain three quotes for a Request for Proposal (RFP) to hire a search firm to conduct the Interim Executive Director search.
Roll Call Vote: Trustees Amamoo, Dada, Fulce, Huggins, Keleher, Mills, Shire, and Wallen voted aye. No nays. **Action:** Motion carried.

Old Business

Amended Agenda: Succession Planning



Motion: Trustee Dada moved, seconded by Trustee Keleher, to fund reimbursement for up to three trustees to attend the Chessmen Club Gala.

Roll Call Vote: Trustees Amamoo, Dada, Fulce, Huggins, Keleher, Mills, Shire, and Wallen voted aye. No nays. **Action:** Motion carried.

Executive Session

Motion to Enter Executive Session: Trustee Fulce moved, seconded by Trustee Huggins, to go into executive session. **Action:** Motion carried.

Motion to Adjourn Executive Session: Trustee Fulce moved, seconded by Trustee Shire, to adjourn the executive session at 8:33 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Trustees Amamoo, Dada, Fulce, Huggins, Keleher, Mills, Shire, and Wallen voted aye. No nays. **Action:** Motion carried

Adjournment

Motion: Trustee Dada moved, seconded by Trustee Keleher, to adjourn. A voice vote was taken—all ayes. No nays. **Action:** Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Submitted by

Trustee Huggins, Secretary
Evanston Public Library Board of Trustees