



**BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY MINUTES,
REGULAR MEETING
April 21, 2025**

Call to Order and Roll Call:

The meeting was called to order by President Danielle Rumble at 7:30 p.m.

Library Board present: Wendy Friedman, Frank Pisano, Karen Rock, Danielle Rumble, Jennifer Wheeler, and Student Representative Marina Awad.

Absent and excused: Melissa Mark.

Library Staff present: Rebekah Craft, Director; Jaclyn Miller, Associate Director; Robert Stratton, Office Administrator.

Friends of the Library liaison present: Ryndee Carney.

Contract community representatives present: None.

Members of the public present: Three (two in-person; one via Zoom).

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance following establishment of quorum.

Wheeler read aloud the Library's Mission Statement.

1. General Public Comment Period:
 - A. Member of the Public shared with the Board an *Audubon* magazine article about the decline of bird populations due to habitat loss.
 - B. Member of the Public is concerned about the City fighting the Library on its millage, and is glad Craft is engaging.
2. Consent Agenda:

Motion to approve the consent agenda.

 - A. Approval of March 17, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes**
 - B. Approval of March 2025 vendor payments in the amount of \$107,642.44, including payments in excess of \$75,000.**
 - C. Approval of total expenses in the amount of \$367,928.07**

1st Pisano
2nd Rock

A roll call vote was taken.
Yeas: Friedman, Pisano, Rock, Rumble, Wheeler.
Nays: None.
Absent and excused: Mark.
The motion was approved unanimously.
3. Board Reports and Special Announcements:

President's report: Rumble is glad to see many outreach and training events. The CaRE Fair received a great response. She thanked Jeff Jimison for attending Pembroke Elementary's Celebrate the Arts event to share 3D printing technology from the Idea Lab. As a Friends volunteer, she was grateful to attend the Friends of the Library Volunteer Brunch arranged by Craft and Miller.

Board comments: Pisano enjoyed attending the CaRE Fair and found it educational. Friedman thanked Mark for coming up with the idea for the event and ensuring those organizations were in communication with the Library. She heard a good response from vendors, some of whom ran out of materials due to high event attendance.

Staff Anniversaries: Wheeler recognized the following staff anniversaries: Cameron Crawford (10 years of service), Carri Gvozdich (16 years), Rosemary Isbell (7 years), George Kasparian (29 years), and Hannah Stoloff (3 years).

Upcoming events of interest: Miller reported upcoming events at the Library, full details of which are on pages 72-73 of the April Board packet.

4. Board Committee Reports

Finance Committee:

Pisano reported that the Finance Committee met on April 14. Present were Pisano, Rumble, Craft, and Miller. Full minutes from this meeting are on page 14 of the April Board packet. The next meeting of the Finance Committee will take place on Monday, May 12, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. in the Delos Board Room.

Building Committee:

Pisano reported that the Building Committee met on April 14. Present were Pisano, Craft, and Miller. Full minutes from this meeting are on pages 17-18 of the April Board packet. The next meeting of the Building Committee will take place on May 9, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. in the Director's Alcove.

The pitting of the atrium flooring is disappointing and concerning. The pitting issue began in December. Pisano believes this problem is the responsibility of PCI Dailey and MCD to resolve.

Outreach Committee:

Friedman reported that the Outreach Committee met on April 1. Present were Friedman, Mark, Craft, and Miller. Full minutes from this meeting are on page 19 of the April Board packet. The Outreach Committee will meet next in June 2025.

Strategic Planning Committee:

Rock reported the Strategic Planning Committee received many responses from the community and staff surveys. The Strategic Planning Committee will next meet on Monday, April 28 at 1:30 p.m.

5. Library Report:

Craft and Miller presented highlights from the Library Report. Full details of the complete report are on pages 21-34 of the April Board packet. Craft will present the FY2025-2026 budget to the City Commission on Saturday, April 26.

Pisano asked about the future of microfilm digitization. Craft responded that while outsourcing digitization could cost sixty-to-eighty thousand dollars, the Idea Lab is investigating software that is nine-to-twelve thousand dollars and would allow library staff to digitize microfilm in-house. Pisano thanked Craft and library staff for their strong sense of budgetary responsibility concerning library services.

6. Liaisons

Friends: Ryndee Carney reported the Spring Book Sale will be held on Saturday, April 26 and Sunday, April 27. The Friends continue to bring in revenue through the Friends' Book Shop and online sales.

Beverly Hills: There was no report.

Bloomfield Hills: There was no report.

Bingham Farms: There was no report.

7. New & Miscellaneous Business:

Contract for Integrated Library System services:

Craft reviewed details within the memo found on page 38 of the April Board packet. Pisano asked whether BPL would use Library Attorney Anne Seurnyck or City Attorney Mary Kucharek to review this upcoming contract. The Trustee's consensus was that the Library should use Seurnyck during this time.

There are five main ILS suppliers could potentially bid, in addition to the library's current system, Polaris.

Motion to publish the final draft of the Library's RFP for Integrated Library System services on MITN in order to receive competitive bidding.

1st Pisano

2nd Wheeler

Yeas: Friedman, Pisano, Rock, Rumble, Wheeler.

Nays: None.

Absent and excused: Mark.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Baldwin Public Library's Establishment:

Craft reviewed details within the memo found on page 67-69 of the April Board packet. Craft expressed disappointment with the lack of advanced notice or consultation from the City for their recent unilateral determinations. The Board supported comments provided to the City regarding their improper and illegal control of the Library millage. Rumble appreciated being able to speak at the recent meeting, but did not feel welcome to speak during the period for public comment. Rumble agreed with sending the Library's establishment information and having a cordial conversation with the City. The Board reached consensus on delivering these materials and retaining Seurnyck.

Public Comment:

1. A resident had questions about how the millage worked, and when the last millage vote was.
2. A resident asked, what happens if the vote for a new senior center vote does not pass? Will the City still withhold the Library millage? Pisano responded that the City has already reduced the Library's millage from 2008-2016 to use funds for other needs within the City's budget. It was only from 2016 through 2026 that the City allowed the Library to levy its full millage to pay for three phases of building renovations. The Board believes voter-approved millage funding should be used for Library purposes only.

Motion to direct Library Attorney Anne M. Seurnyck to release collected materials supporting Baldwin Public Library's establishment as a PA 164 10a City Library to Mary Kucharek, Beier Howlett, the City's Attorney.

1st Pisano

2nd Wheeler

Yeas: Friedman, Pisano, Rock, Rumble, Wheeler.

Nays: None.

Absent and excused: Mark.

The motion was approved unanimously.

8. Unfinished Business: None.
9. Items Removed from Consent Agenda: None.
10. Information Only: See pages 71-114 of the April Board packet.
11. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

1st Friedman

2nd Rock

A voice vote was taken.

Yeas: Friedman, Pisano, Rock, Rumble, Wheeler.

Nays: None.

Absent and excused: Mark.

The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 19, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. in the Rotary & Donor Room.

Jennifer Wheeler, Secretary

Date