



**BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY MINUTES,  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 17, 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, Melissa Mark, Frank Pisano, Karen Rock, Danielle Rumble, Jennifer Wheeler, and Student Representative Marina Awad (via Zoom).

Absent and excused: None.

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: 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: None.
2. Consent Agenda:
  - Motion to approve the consent agenda.**
  - A. Approval of February 24, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes**
  - B. Approval of February 27, 2025 Special Board Meeting Minutes**
  - C. Approval of February 28, 2025 Special Board Meeting Minutes**
  - D. Approval of February 2025 vendor payments in the amount of \$112,755.96, including payments in excess of \$75,000.**
  - E. Approval of total expenses in the amount of \$357,737.71**
  - 1st** Pisano
  - 2nd** Mark

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

3. Board Reports and Special Announcements:

**President's report:** Rumble thanked Craft for putting together the 2025-2026 budget. The Rumble family attended the Mario Day event and had a great time. She also thanked staff for running the Battle of the Books and Miller for being an amazing host.

**Board comments:** None.

**Staff Anniversaries:** Mark recognized the following staff anniversaries: Julie Beckwell (6 years of service), Lisa Christie (19 years), Zoe Lusk (1 years), Sue Kalisky (9 years), Elisabeth Phou (20 years), Stuart Sturton (2 years), and Keegan Sulecki (1 years).

**Upcoming events of interest:** Miller reported upcoming events at the Library, full details of which are on pages 66-67 of the March Board packet.

#### 4. Board Committee Reports

##### **Finance Committee:**

Pisano reported that the Finance Committee met on March 10. Present were Pisano, Rumble, Craft, and Miller. Full minutes from this meeting are on page 20 of the March Board packet. The next meeting of the Finance Committee will take place on Monday, April 14, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. in the Delos Board Room.

##### **Building Committee:**

Friedman reported that the Building Committee met on March 10. Present were Friedman, Pisano, Craft, and Miller. Full minutes from this meeting are on pages 23-24 of the March Board packet. The next meeting of the Building Committee will take place on Monday, April 14, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. in the Delos Board Room.

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:**

Mark reported that the Outreach Committee met on March 4. Present were Friedman, Mark, Craft, and Miller. Full minutes from this meeting are on page 25 of the March Board packet. The Outreach Committee will meet next on April 1 at 11:00 a.m. in the Delos Board Room.

##### **Strategic Planning Committee:**

Rock reported that the Strategic Planning Committee met on March 17. Present were Rock, Rumble, Craft, Miller, and community member Jim Suhay. Suhay reviewed the strategic plan management process with the committee. The committee reviewed and revised the strategic planning committee work plan. Staff and Board members will provide input via online surveys. A community survey was reviewed and edited. The survey will be open to entries from March 19 through April 13. The Strategic Planning Committee will meet next on April 28 at 1:00 p.m.

#### 5. Library Report:

Craft and Miller presented highlights from the Library Report. Full details of the complete report are on pages 29-35 of the March Board packet.

Pisano asked how the executive order to dismantle the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) will impact Baldwin. Craft said it will affect the budget, but to other libraries in the state with less tax revenue and museums in the state and around the country, it will be significant. Library of Michigan is looking at alternative funding for MelCat/Interlibrary Loan.

#### 6. Liaisons

**Friends:** Ryndee Carney reported the next book sale will be April 26-27. Two sales are planned for 2025. The FOL Board voted to split the Book Sale Chairman into 3 positions – Book Sale, Book Shop, and Book Cellar. These positions will be promoted at Baldwin's CaRE Fair next month.

Beverly Hills: There was no report.

Bloomfield Hills: There was no report.

Bingham Farms: There was no report.

7. New & Miscellaneous Business:

**Public Budget Hearing for Fiscal Years 2025-26, 2026-27, & 2027-28:**

Craft presented the Proposed Budgets for Fiscal Years 2025-2026, 2026-2027, & 2027-2028, found on pages 38 to 63 of the March 2025 Board packet. On April 26, Craft will present the Proposed Budget 2025-2026 to the City Budget Hearing. There will be a vote to take a disbursement from the Trust on the May 19 regular meeting.

**Motion to approve the FY 2025-2026 budget as stated in the budget resolution on page 63 of the March 2025 Board packet.**

**1st** Friedman

**2nd** Wheeler

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

Nays: None.

Absent and excused: None.

The motion was approved unanimously.

8. Unfinished Business: None.

9. Items Removed from Consent Agenda: None.

10. Information Only: See pages 65-72 of the March Board packet.

11. Closed Session:

Closed session under Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss a confidential written legal opinion.

**Motion to enter closed session under Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss a confidential written legal opinion.**

**1st** Rock

**2nd** Mark

A voice vote was taken.

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

Nays: None.

Absent and excused: None.

The motion was approved unanimously.

**Motion to end the closed session and reconvene the open meeting.**

**1st** Mark

**2nd** Wheeler

A voice vote was taken.

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

Nays: None.

Absent and excused: None.

The motion was approved unanimously.

**Motion to direct the Library Board President and Director Craft to talk with Library Counsel to come up with a plan for negotiations with the City of Birmingham prior to the discussion with City representatives on April 17.**

**1st** Pisano

**2nd** Friedman

A voice vote was taken.

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

Nays: None.

Absent and excused: None.

The motion was approved unanimously.

12. Adjournment:

**Motion to adjourn the meeting.**

**1st** Mark

**2nd** Rock

A voice vote was taken.

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

Nays: None.

Absent and excused: None.

The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 21, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. in the Rotary & Donor Room.



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Jennifer Wheeler, Secretary

5/19/2025

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Date