



**BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY MINUTES,  
REGULAR MEETING  
December 15, 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, Pam Graham, Frank Pisano, Karen Rock, Danielle Rumble, and Jennifer Wheeler.

Absent and excused: None.

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

Friends of the Library liaison present: Ryndee Carney.

Contract community representatives present: None.

Members of the public present: 1 in person, 1 on Zoom.

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

Rock read aloud the Library's Mission Statement.

1. Review of FY2024-25 Audit by Plante Moran, with Spencer Tawa:

Tawa reviewed the "Baldwin Public Library Board of Directors Presentation" found on pages 17-21 of the December Board packet. The library received an "unmodified opinion," which is the cleanest statement that can be given.

2. General Public Comment Period: None.

3. Consent Agenda:

**Motion to approve the consent agenda.**

**A. Approval of November 17, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes**

**B. Approval of November 2025 vendor payments in the amount of \$132,832.00, including payments in excess of \$75,000.**

**C. Approval of total expenses in the amount of \$416,174.67**

**1st** Pisano

**2nd** Wheeler

A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nays: None.

Absent and excused: None.

The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Board Reports and Special Announcements:

**President's report:** Rumble reported 2025 subcommittee assignments:

Building: Graham, Rock, Rumble

Finance: Friedman, Pisano, Rumble  
Outreach: Friedman, Graham, Rock  
Personnel: Rock, Rumble, Wheeler  
Policy: Friedman, Pisano, Wheeler

Rumble noted that the subcommittees are now comprised of Trustees from different board terms, so there is always continuity regardless of election changes.

Rumble thanked Youth Services for assistance with her work as District Reflections Chair for Birmingham Public Schools in judging film and literature selections for this year.

**Board comments:** Wheeler thanked the Idea Lab for helping her with various projects. Pisano thanked the Library and staff for staying open during Wintermarkt to offer a warm space for attendees.

**Staff Anniversaries:** Friedman recognized the following staff anniversaries: Mary MacMillan (11 years of service), Emma Moskovitz (3 years), Adam Redmond (2 years), and Jennifer Rohrer-Walbert (3 years).

**Upcoming events of interest:** Miller reported upcoming events at the Library, full details of which are on pages 38-39 of the December Board packet.

#### 5. Board Committee Reports

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

Pisano reported that the Finance Committee met on December 8. Present were Pisano, Rumble, Craft, and Miller. Full minutes from this meeting are on page 14 of the December Board packet. Pisano noted that the City's defined benefit plan is 85% funded. The next meeting of the Finance Committee will take place on Monday, January 12, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. in the Delos Board Room.

#### 6. Library Report:

Craft and Miller presented highlights from the Library Report. Full details of the complete report are on pages 23-35 of the December Board packet.

The cause of the broken window in the Atrium is being investigated by the architect, builder, and glass company. This must be determined before ordering a new pane. The City will most likely pay for the replacement, and turnaround after ordering will be 12-14 weeks. Protective plastic sheeting was recommended and installed by Belfor. The corner of the Atrium and the sidewalk adjacent to the broken window has been blocked off for safety.

Craft, Miller, and Trustees discussed pausing the Library Board Student Representative until the application process and expectations can be examined and refined to ensure the position is both meaningful and impactful. Crossover with the Teen Advisory Board and an additional point of communication with the Library Board will also be considered. Craft proposed assessing the application and position expectations, reporting back to the Board in March, issuing an application solicitation in April, and having the student representative begin their one-year term in June or July. Public comment was taken via Zoom: Sheila Brice agrees to reassess and pause the process to find ways for students to truly contribute to the program.

Graham requested if active cardholder and current cardholder counts can be included in the next Statistical Dashboard report and staff agreed to make adjustments to the dashboard.

#### 7. Liaisons

Friends: Carney reported the Friends are no longer accepting music CD donations, because they do not sell and they cannot be recycled. This month concludes the Friend's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary year.

Beverly Hills: There was no report.

Bloomfield Hills: There was no report.

Bingham Farms: There was no report.

8. New & Miscellaneous Business: Craft was approached by a patron who has sculpture designed by Marshall Fredericks sculpture, who would like to donate it to the Library. The sculpture depicts an otter holding a salmon and is around 42" tall, including the base. Craft would like the sculpture to be accessible to children and placed in the Children's Garden or the Youth Room area. Graham suggested contacting the Arts Board for their recommendations on installation.

Pisano noted the City Commission moved the time of their regular meeting from 7:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and asked if the Library Board would like to discuss moving theirs back as well. Before the 2027 City calendar is issued, there can be further discussion on this matter.

9. Unfinished Business: None.
10. Items Removed from Consent Agenda: None.
11. Information Only: See pages 37-42 of the December Board packet.
12. Adjournment:

**Motion to adjourn the meeting.**

**1st** Rock

**2nd** Friedman

A voice vote was taken.

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

Nays: None.

Absent and excused: None.

The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 21, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. in the Rotary & Donor Room.

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Wendy Friedman, Secretary

Date

