



**BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY MINUTES,
REGULAR MEETING
March 16, 2026**

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, Karen Rock, Danielle Rumble, Jennifer Wheeler.

Absent and excused: Frank Pisano.

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, 2 via Zoom.

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

Rock 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 23, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

B. Approval of February 2026 vendor payments in the amount of \$159,508.43, including payments in excess of \$75,000.

C. Approval of total expenses in the amount of \$420,781.96

1st Friedman

2nd Rock

A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nays: None.

Absent and excused: Pisano.

The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Board Reports and Special Announcements:

President's report: Rumble thanked Library staff, Friends, and everyone who put in effort for the Battle of the Books, which was a great event. Miller was a great host.

Board comments: Wheler recognized H Jennings for facilitating a Zoom talk with UK film critic and author of *Box Office Poison: Hollywood's Story in a Century of Flops*, Tim Robey.

Staff Anniversaries: Friedman recognized the following staff anniversaries: Julie Beckwell (7 years of service), Lisa Christie (20 years), Zoe Lusk (2 years), Sue Kalisky (10 years), Elisabeth Phou (21 years), Stuart Sturton (3 years), and Keegan Sulecki (2 years).

Upcoming events of interest: Miller reported upcoming events at the Library, full details of which are on pages 64-65 of the March Board packet.

4. Board Committee Reports

Finance Committee:

Friedman reported that the Finance Committee met on March 9. Present were Friedman, Pisano, Rumples, Craft, and Miller. Full minutes from this meeting are on page 14 of the March Board packet. The next meeting of the Finance Committee will take place on Monday, April 13, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. in the Director's Alcove.

Outreach Committee:

Rock reported that the Outreach Committee met on February 24. Present were Friedman, Graham, Rock, Craft, and Miller. Full minutes from this meeting are on page 17 of the March Board packet. The next meetings of the Outreach Committee will take place on Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. in the Delos Board Room.

Library Report:

Craft and Miller presented highlights from the Library Report. Full details of the complete report, including programs and services updates, are on pages 19-27 of the March Board packet.

5. Liaisons

Friends: Ryndee Carney reported the Friends' Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m. The next Spring book sale will be held on Saturday and Sunday, May 16-17. The Friends' Board has formed two subcommittees: 1. For social media marketing and 2. To focus on rebuilding the Friends' membership base.

Beverly Hills: There was no report.

Bloomfield Hills: There was no report.

Bingham Farms: There was no report.

6. New & Miscellaneous Business:

Public Budget Hearing for Fiscal Years 2026-27, 2027-28, & 2028-29:

Craft presented the Proposed Budgets for Fiscal Years 2026-2027, 2027-2028, & 2028-2029, found on pages 32 to 62 of the March 2026 Board packet. On April 25, Craft will present the Proposed Budget 2026-2027 to the City Budget Hearing. There will be a vote to take a disbursement from the Trust during the May 18 regular Library Board meeting.

Motion to approve the FY 2026-2027 budget as stated in the budget resolution on pages 33-36 of the March 2026 Board packet.

1st Wheeler

2nd Rock

Yeas: Friedman, Graham, Rock, Rumples, Wheeler.

Nays: None.

Absent and excused: Pisano.

The motion was approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

7. Unfinished Business: None.
8. Items Removed from Consent Agenda: None.
9. Information Only: See pages 63-69 of the March Board packet.
10. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

1st Friedman

2nd Wheeler

A voice vote was taken.

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

Nays: None.

Absent and excused: Pisano.

The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 20, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. in the Rotary & Donor Room.

Wendy Friedman, Secretary

Date