



**BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY MINUTES,
REGULAR MEETING
May 18, 2026**

Call to Order and Roll Call:

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Karen Rock at 8:00 p.m.

Library Board present: Wendy Friedman, Frank Pisano, Karen Rock, Jennifer Wheeler.

Absent and excused: Pam Graham, Danielle Rumple.

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

Friends of the Library liaison present: None.

Contract community representatives present: None.

Members of the public present: None.

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 April 20, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

B. Approval of April 2026 vendor payments in the amount of \$142,401.15, including payments in excess of \$75,000.

C. Approval of total expenses in the amount of \$546,118.98

1st Pisano

2nd Friedman

A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Friedman, Pisano, Rock, Wheeler.

Nays: None.

Absent and excused: Graham, Rumple.

The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Board Reports and Special Announcements:

Vice President's report: Rock explained Board President Danielle Rumple was absent as she received the Birmingham Public School Council PTA/PTSA volunteer of the year award, and is also overseeing the PTA Reflections Banquet. Trustee Pam Graham is a new grandmother and is out of state meeting her new grandchild. Rock thanked the Board members and Baldwin staff who marched in the Birmingham parade on Sunday, May 17.

Board comments: None.

Staff Anniversaries: Friedman recognized the following staff anniversaries: Melissa Behrens (7 year of service), Nadia Bertala (9 years), Sam Hollo (3 years), H Jennings (9 years), Jody Jennings (7 years), Josh King (1 year), Emily Malek (5 years), Grace Noble (5 years), and Robbie Terman (8 years).

Upcoming events of interest: Miller reported upcoming events at the Library, full details of which are on page 36 of the May Board packet.

Report from Friends of the Baldwin Public Library: Miller relayed that the Friends earned \$2965 total from their Spring book sale. 2/3 of orders were processed through the Zeffy payment method.

4. Board Committee Reports

Finance Committee:

Pisano reported that the Finance Committee met on May 8. Present were Pisano, Rumble, Craft, and Miller. Full minutes from this meeting are on page 14 of the May Board packet. The next meeting of the Finance Committee will take place on Monday, June 8, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. in the Director's Alcove.

Building Committee:

Rock reported that the Building Committee met on May 18. Present were Rock, Rumble, Craft, and Miller. Full minutes from this meeting are on page 17 of the May Board packet. The next meeting of the Building Committee will take place on Monday, June 15, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. in the Director's Alcove.

If the City approves the installation of heating mats for the exterior stairs to the lower level, the steps will be resurfaced and heating mats added to each step; two outlets with conduit will be installed to power them. If the City does not approve of the mats, the Library will proceed with an awning option to cover the stairs.

5. Library Report:

Craft and Miller presented highlights as shown in the Library Report. Miller noted that in the Statistical Dashboard, Database Sessions were estimated this month and an accurate count will be included in the June accounting. Full details of the complete report, including programs and services updates, are on pages 19-32 of the May Board packet.

6. Liaisons

Beverly Hills: There was no report.

Bloomfield Hills: There was no report.

Bingham Farms: There was no report.

7. New & Miscellaneous Business: None.

8. Unfinished Business: None.

9. Items Removed from Consent Agenda: None.

10. Information Only: See pages 35-44 of the May Board packet.

11. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

1st Wheeler

2nd Friedman

A voice vote was taken.

Yeas: Friedman, Pisano, Rock, Wheeler.

Nays: None.

Absent and excused: Graham, Rumpfle.

The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 15, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. in the Rotary & Donor Room.

Wendy Friedman, Secretary

Date