



**BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY MINUTES,
REGULAR MEETING
September 28, 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, Frank Pisano, Karen Rock, Danielle Rumble, Jennifer Wheeler.

Absent and excused: Pam Graham.

Library Staff present: Rebekah Craft, 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.

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 August 17, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

B. Approval of August 2026 vendor payments in the amount of \$166,040.10, including payments in excess of \$75,000.

C. Approval of total expenses in the amount of \$445,581.19

1st Friedman

2nd Rock

A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nays: None.

Absent and excused: Graham.

The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Board Reports and Special Announcements:

President's report: Rumble commended Craft for compiling the FY2025-2026 Annual Report for the City Commission.

Board comments: None.

Staff Anniversaries: Craft recognized the following staff anniversaries: Diana Ancog (5 years of service), Liz Aguilar (1 year), Theresa Anderson (2 years), Beverly Banks (5 years), Sarah Boggs (1 year), Ethan Cronkite (5 years), David Dapkus (9 years), Brandy Dziengel (2 years), Alyssa Mandell (4 years), Allison McFadden-Keesley (1 year), Louis Hatfield (2 years), Patricia Henricks (9 years), Jessica Hoeck (9 years), Jeff Jimison (9 years), Anjilena

Omlara-Fox (1 year), Haylie May (5 years), Mykola Potapenko (1 year), Vicki Sower (19 years), Lynn Szykiel (7 years), and Clover Vassilev (1 year).

Upcoming events of interest: Craft reported upcoming events at the Library, full details of which are on pages 102-103 of the September Board packet.

Report from Friends of the Baldwin Public Library: None.

Pisano noted he recently met a former Friends President, who mentioned it would be advantageous for the Board to compile a letter to solicit Friends memberships.

4. Board Committee Reports

Finance Committee:

Friedman reported that the Finance Committee met on September 14. Present were Friedman, Rumble, and Craft. Full minutes from this meeting are on page 14 of the September Board packet. The next meeting of the Finance Committee will take place on Monday, October 12, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. in the Director's Alcove.

Building Committee:

Rock reported that the Building Committee met last on September 14. Present were Graham, Rock, Rumble, and Craft. Full minutes from this meeting are on pages 18-19 of the September Board packet. The next meeting of the Building Committee will take place on Monday, October 12, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. in the Director's Alcove.

The Board expressed collective frustration with the City's long delays in repairing the loading dock. Library Trustees will compile a letter addressing these concerns to be given to the City Commission after it is approved by the full board at the October 20 board meeting.

5. Library Report:

Craft presented highlights as shown in the Library Report. Full details of the complete Library Report, including programs, services, and staffing updates, are on pages 65-77 of the September Board packet.

City and Library attorneys are meeting this week to address legal issues and concerns regarding the Administrative Services contract.

The Friends of the Library scheduled their Fall Book Sale for November 14-15, 2026.

6. Liaisons

Beverly Hills: There was no report.

Bloomfield Hills: There was no report.

Bingham Farms: There was no report.

New & Miscellaneous Business:

FY2025-2026 Annual Report

Craft reviewed the details of the Annual Report to City Commission memorandum, found on page 82 of the

September Board packet, and recommended it to be approved by the Board to be sent to Birmingham City Commission.

Motion to approve the FY2025-2026 Annual Report and related documents and pass them along to the Birmingham City Commission to review and file at their next City Commission meeting.

1st Pisano

2nd Wheeler

A voice vote was taken.

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

Nays: None.

Absent and excused: Graham.

The motion was approved unanimously.

7. Unfinished Business: None.

8. Items Removed from Consent Agenda: None.

9. Information Only: See pages 101-118 of the September Board packet.

10. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

1st Rock

2nd Pisano

A voice vote was taken.

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

Nays: None.

Absent and excused: Graham.

The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 19, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. in the Rotary & Donor Room.

Wendy Friedman

Wendy Friedman, Secretary

10/19/26
Date

