

Glenview Public Library

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 19, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, IL, 60025

Conference Room

Board Members Present:

Thomas Blanchard, M. David Johnson, Jeff Rowitz, Carol Schmitt (acting as Secretary Pro Tem),
Kathy Vega

Board Members Absent:

Ruth Rosenblum, Sara Spitz

Staff Members Present:

Lindsey Dorfman – Executive Library Director, Linda Sawyer – Deputy Director of Library
Services, Jean Sanders – Deputy Director of Operations, Christine Klimusko – Business & Finance
Director, Emily Baker – Administrative Assistant

Guests Present: Dr. Leanne Furby, PhD – Illinois Heartland Library System;

League of Women Voters Attendees: Debra Graves, Annette Vander Ploeg;

Glenbrook South High School Attendees: Uudambiligt Uuganbayan, Misheel Vhashbat, Marija
Stanojevic, Nolan Kuhn, Chris Karistis, Claudia Praytulski, Allison Beyer, Mohammed Meeran,
Joell Mathew, Alex Jung, Jasmine Funduiane, Eliza Merkaj, Kevin Arellano, Eric Hernandez,
Maddox Robbins, Lily Golden, Theo Boulay, Gustavo C, Cameron Driskill, Jacob Cisneros

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

President Blanchard called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and the roll was called.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

The agenda was reordered at this time.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. iLead Trustee Training Portal Demo

Dr. Leanne Furby from Illinois Heartland Library System provided Trustees with a brief overview of the iLead Learning Portal for public library trustees in the state of Illinois. Dr. Furby referenced ILSR0104, which “urges all public library trustees to participate in ongoing training programs provided by the Illinois Secretary of State to strengthen their ability to effectively oversee library operations and services.”

9. ACCEPTANCE OF STAFF REPORTS & STATISTICS

- e. eBooks Licensing Presentation

Adult Services Collections Manager Kim Comerford gave a presentation to the Board on the challenges of balancing patron demand with budget limitations around eBooks and eAudiobooks.

The meeting returned to the regular agenda at 7:39 p.m.

3. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 22, 2026
- b. Warrant Summary – February 2026
- c. Warrants Greater than \$5,000 – February 2026
- d. List of Warrants – February 2026

MOTION Moved by Trustee Schmitt, seconded by Trustee Johnson, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Roll call.

Ayes: Trustees Johnson, Rowitz, Schmitt, Vega, Blanchard; Nays: 0; Absent: Trustees Rosenblum, Spitz. Motion carried.

4. EXAMINATION OF FINANCIAL REPORTS AND STATISTICS

- a. Fund Income Statements November 2025
- b. November 2025 Cash Flow Report
- c. November Cash and Investment Balances
- d. 2024 Tax Levy Receipts

Business & Finance Director Klimusko presented the December 2025 financials. Year-to-date revenue is \$5,280,418.35, while year-to-date expenditures total \$8,993,021.52.

The Library's Operating Fund balance at the end of December is \$3,265,169.26. Cash & Investments total \$4,941,798.57.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Blanchard shared an article with the Board regarding the State Department ordering nonprofit libraries to stop processing passport applications. Executive Director Dorfman noted that Glenview Public Library is not a nonprofit library and therefore is not impacted by this order.

6. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Executive Director Dorfman shared that Congress had passed a budget that included increased funding for LSTA grants, as well as full funding for Innovative Approaches to Literacy. She also brought Trustees' attention to *Little v. Llano County*, in which the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that library collections are government speech, not public forum. The Supreme Court has declined to hear the case, so the Circuit Court's ruling is law in Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi. Executive Director Dorfman then mentioned the ALA's participation in the creation of a letter to the U.S. Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee ahead of a hearing on youth screen time that urged a clear distinction be made between recreational and educational screen time. This led to a discussion regarding patron requests and logistical limitations around Library staff monitoring youth screen time on behalf of parents.

7. FOUNDATION UPDATE

Executive Director Dorfman reminded Trustees of the upcoming Grand Opening of the Youth Services Play Space on Tuesday, February 24th.

8. FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY UPDATE

Trustee Schmitt shared that the Friends Bookstore received a donation of first edition and signed books from an antiquarian that was going out business.

9. ACCEPTANCE OF STAFF REPORTS & STATISTICS

- a. Library Director's Report
- b. Statistical Summary
- c. Building Progress Update

Deputy Director of Operations Sanders announced that the manufacturer of the Play Space furniture has agreed to redesign and refabricate the defective rotunda structure.

- d. Year-End Strategic Plan Report

Trustees agreed to table a presentation of the Year-End Strategic Plan Report by Executive Director Dorfman until next month.

MOTION Moved by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Rowitz, to accept the Staff Reports and Statistics for January 2026.

Voice vote.

Ayes: 5; Nays: 0; Absent: 2. Motion carried.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Approve Bid for 2nd Floor Space Improvement Project

Deputy Director of Operations Sanders presented an Issue Analysis for the 2nd Floor Space Improvement Project. Construction Solutions of Illinois, the firm that completed the Lobby and Youth Services renovations, was the lowest responsible bidder and was recommended to be awarded the contract for the 2nd Floor Space Improvement Project. Deputy Director Sanders also requested direction from the Board on whether to include mechanical door opening assistance and soundproofing options when awarding the contract. The options presented for the soundproofing included the addition of either mass vinyl sheeting, gypsum board, or both for varying levels of soundproofing protection. The mechanical-assisted door openers included in the base bid would offer enhanced accessibility but are not fully automatic. Instead, they

would be motion-assisted, beginning to open slowly and close automatically once the handle of the door is engaged. Deputy Director Sanders noted that this feature might confuse users, as the door would not swing open like a traditional door upon engagement, and it is not necessary to meet ADA requirements. She also noted that even without the assistance mechanism, the doors chosen for the new study rooms will be significantly lighter and easier to use than existing study room doors and will meet all ADA requirements. Trustees were in agreement that the contract should include the addition of both options for soundproofing, and removal of the mechanical-assisted door openers from the base bid.

MOTION Moved by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Schmitt, to award the 2nd Floor Space Improvement Project contract to Construction Solutions of Illinois, Inc. as the lowest responsible bidder, with the removal of mechanical door opening assistance and the addition of both mass vinyl sheeting and gypsum board for soundproofing.

Roll call.

Ayes: Trustees Johnson, Rowitz, Schmitt, Vega, Blanchard; Nays: 0; Absent: Trustees Rosenblum, Spitz. Motion carried.

13. OTHER

a. Annual Secretary's Audit

President Blanchard requested volunteers for the Secretary's Audit Committee. Trustees Rowitz and Schmitt volunteered to complete the audit after the Board Offsite Workshop on Saturday, February 28th.

b. [Library Trustee Forum Spring Webinars - Illinois Library Association](#)

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. March Warrants – Sara Spitz
- b. April Warrants – Jeff Rowitz
- c. Play Space Ribbon Cutting – Tuesday, February 24 @ 5:30 pm – Library
- d. BOB 2026 Celebration of Readers – Thursday, February 26 @ 6:30 pm – Glenbrook South High School
- e. Board Offsite Workshop – Saturday, February 28 @ 9:00 am – Skokie Public Library

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business to be brought before the Board, President Blanchard requested a motion to adjourn.

MOTION Moved by Trustee Schmitt, seconded by Trustee Vega, to adjourn.

Voice vote.

Ayes: 5; Nays: 0; Absent: 2. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Schmitt, Secretary Pro Tem
Glenview Public Library Board of Trustees