BARRINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
BUDGET, FINANCE & LEVY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 12, 2026, 6 PM
Meeting Room A

I. CALL TO ORDER
Budget, Finance, and Levy Committee Chair, Lindsay Prigge, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

II. ROLL CALL
Trustees Present: Carr, Forsyth-Tuerck, Lucas, McCarthy, Ordway, Prigge
Trustees Absent: Cunningham
A quorum is present.

Staff Present: Executive Director Jason Pinshower, A. Bonsignore, L. Rosenthal, L. Stordahl

III. AUDIENCE RECOGNITION AND PUBLIC COMMENT
No one from the public was present to address the board.

IV. DISCUSSION OF LEVY FOR LEVY YEAR 2024
Finance Manager, Lauren Rosenthal, provided an overview of the annual levy process and key deadlines, followed by a presentation of levy options for the Board's consideration.

The Committee discussed the 2.7% PTELL limiting rate applicable to the November 2026 levy and the role of new property growth in determining the amount ultimately extended by the counties. Discussion included the importance of requesting an amount sufficient to capture eligible new growth, recognizing that county clerks will reduce a levy request when necessary to comply with statutory limits.

Trustees considered the Library's projected operating needs and reserve position. The committee also discussed the Library's financial outlook, noting that the District operated at a deficit during FY2025-26 and anticipates another deficit in FY2026-27 in connection with the construction of the new outdoor pavilion.

Following discussion, a majority of the Committee supported recommending a 2026 levy of $9,953,886. This amount reflects a 2.7% increase and corresponds with the PTELL limiting rate used for the FY2028 levy recommendation. Trustee Ordway expressed a dissenting view and advocated keeping the levy flat rather than increasing the request.

The Committee's recommendation will be presented to the full Board of Trustees for consideration and action at the October 13, 2026, Regular Meeting.

V: ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Committee Chair, Prigge.
Second: Vice President Lucas

All voted aye. **Motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

/s/ Lindsay Prigge
Committee Chair