

**BARRINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

March 9, 2026, 7 PM  
Meeting Room A

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

President Carr called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**II. ROLL CALL**

**Trustees Present:** Carr, Cunningham, Forsyth-Tuerck, Lucas, McCarthy, Ordway, Prigge

**Trustees Absent:** None

A quorum is present.

**Staff Present:** Director J. Pinshower, J. Ary, J. Katsion, T. Nielsen, L. Rosenthal, L. Stordahl

**III. AUDIENCE RECOGNITION AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

President Carr opened the floor for public comment; no comments were offered.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by President Carr to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2026, as presented.

Second: Trustee Forsyth-Tuerck

Ayes: Carr, Cunningham, Forsyth-Tuerck, Lucas, Ordway, Prigge

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: McCarthy

**Motion: CARRIED.**

**V. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS/BUSINESS**

*President*

President Carr thanked Chapter KF of the PEO Sisterhood for their donation of \$100.00. The board recognized Maggie Wake, Customer Service, for her 15 years of work at the Barrington Area Library.

*Treasurer*

The Board reviewed the February Treasurer's Report. The beginning balance was \$13,432,267.69. Total revenues were \$112,794.64 and total expenditures were \$635,497.59, resulting in an ending balance of \$12,909,564.74.

A question regarding consultant fees was answered by Director Pinshower.

President Carr moved to approve the February Financial Report and Bills for Payment as presented.

Second: Trustee Cunningham

Ayes: Carr, Cunningham, Forsyth-Tuerck, Lucas, McCarthy, Ordway, Prigge

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**Motion: CARRIED.**

*Executive Director*

Director Pinshower reported that the Library of Things lockers have been delivered and installed. Lyngsoe sent its lead developer from Finland to ensure the system was programmed correctly. The lockers are the first of their kind in libraries in the United States. The Library is currently conducting internal testing before the lockers are opened to customers.

**VI. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

There will be a Budget, Finance, & Levy Committee Meeting on April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM to review the FY27 Tentative Budget.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

***Consideration of the Proposed FY27 Paygrade Table***

Motion by President Carr to approve the proposed FY27 Paygrade Table as presented.

Second: Trustee Prigge

Discussion/Information: Human Resources Manager Julie Ary explained that the proposed pay grade table reflects a 1% increase over last year's table and establishes parameters for hiring new staff while remaining consistent with the Library's pay philosophy. Questions regarding whether the table needed to be increased were discussed. It was noted that implementing small incremental increases each year is preferable to waiting until pay rates lag and require larger adjustments.

Ayes: Carr, Forsyth-Tuerck, Lucas, McCarthy, Prigge

Nays: Cunningham, Ordway

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**Motion: CARRIED.**

***Consideration of IGS Contract (Electricity)***

Motion by Vice President Lucas to approve the IGS contract for electricity and to authorize the Executive Director to execute the agreement on the board's behalf.

Second: Secretary Ordway

Discussion/Information: The contracted rate for electricity was discussed. It was noted that the market is very volatile right now. The board discussed waiting a few months to see if rates drop, but the fear that rates might just as likely increase encouraged them to lock in the rate provided today, which is still less than our current contract.

Ayes: Carr, Cunningham, Forsyth-Tuerck, Lucas, McCarthy, Ordway, Prigge

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**Motion: CARRIED.**

**Consideration of Forte Contract for Meeting Room Audio Amplifier**

Motion by President Carr to approve the agreement for Meeting Room audio amplifiers upgrade in an amount not to exceed \$28,875.00 and authorize the Executive Director to execute the agreement on the Board’s behalf.

Second: Trustee Cunningham

Discussion/Information: IT Manager Tom Nielsen stated that the current amplifiers were installed in the 2013 renovation, and the equipment has reached the end of its useful life. Staff have performed troubleshooting and repairs as feasible; however, the equipment can no longer be effectively repaired, and replacement is recommended.

Ayes: Carr, Cunningham, Forsyth-Tuerck, Lucas, McCarthy, Ordway, Prigge

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**Motion: CARRIED.**

**IX. GENERAL INFORMATION**

President Carr attended Trustee Budgeting Toolkit training and said it was worthwhile. Director Pinshower will send out the link to all Trustees.

Trustee McCarthy suggested getting a quote for an independent sustainability study.

Statements of Economic Interest are due to Lake County by May 1, 2026. Please send filing receipt to Lisa for Records Retention filing.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by President Carr to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 P.M.

Second: Trustee Forsyth-Tuerck

Ayes: Carr, Cunningham, Forsyth-Tuerck, Lucas, McCarthy, Ordway, Prigge

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**Motion: CARRIED.**

*/s/ Anne Ordway*  
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Secretary