MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE POPLAR CREEK PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
Thursday, August 20, 2026
7:00 p.m.
Mercedes A. McGowan Board Room

1. Call to Order:
President Kennedy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call:
Trustee Arendt, Trustee Bailey, Trustee Harry, Trustee Hulke, Trustee Liapes, President Kennedy, Trustee Khan.
Absent: None.
Also present: Jose Maldonado, Executive Director; Kandice Krettler, Assistant Director; Tina Eden, Finance Director; Natalia Juchnik, Director of Human Resources; and Charlie Bialobok, Marketing & Public Relations Manager.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. President's Report: None.

[Trustee Khan entered at 7:04 p.m.]

5. Public Forum: None.

6. Accept Agenda:
Trustee Bailey moved and Trustee Khan seconded a motion to approve the agenda.
Voice Vote: Unanimous
Motion Carried

7. Secretary's Report: None.

8. Treasurer's Report:
Trustee Khan provided a summary of finances:
Cook County Tax Revenue received = $65,793.00
DuPage County Tax Revenue received = $17,205.00
Replacement Taxes (PPRT) = $0.00
Interest Earned = $37,991.00
Total Expenses = $718,409.00

9. Trustees Report: None.

10. Executive Director's Report: Jose Maldonado reported to the Library Board that July was a month marked by leadership transition and significant progress on key Board initiatives:

- Two key positions were filled and onboarded: Tina E. began as Director of Finance on July 20 and Natalia J. arrived as Director of Human Resources on July 27, both supported by structured knowledge transfer from their predecessors.
- The FY2026 External Audit launched on July 21 with Sikich
- Implementation of the Board-approved fine-free policies is underway, including the bulk waiver of existing fines and the new temporary card.
- The Vega Discover catalog logged more than 3,800 patron sessions in its first full month.

- Library connected with the community at the Streamwood Summer Celebration, July 24-26.
- Service demand stayed strong: the library held 219 programs and self-directed activities with 3,944 total participants, and visits, cardholders, and training hours all exceeded last July.

11. Consent Agenda Approval:
Trustee Khan moved and Trustee Harry seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented:
a. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting: July 16, 2026
b. Monthly Expenditures for July, 2026 = $718,409.00
c. Acceptance of the Executive Director's Report
Voice vote: Unanimous
Motion Carried

12. Current Business:
A. Motion to request the Board to approve the Internet Use and Safety Policy updates:
Trustee Hulke moved and Trustee Liapes seconded a motion to approve the Internet Use and Safety Policy.
Roll Call: Trustee Arendt, Trustee Bailey, Trustee Harry, Trustee Hulke, Trustee Liapes, President Kennedy, Trustee Khan.
Absent: None.
Motion carried.

B. Motion to request the Board to approve the Purchasing Policy:
Trustee Arendt moved and Trustee Liapes seconded a motion to approve the Purchasing Policy. During discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Liapes and seconded by Trustee Arendt to amend the proposal by tabling the Purchasing Policy until the next regular meeting on September 17, 2026. The amendment to table was voted on and carried. The original motion to approve the Purchasing Policy was postponed to the next meeting.
Roll Call: Trustee Arendt, Trustee Bailey, Trustee Harry, Trustee Hulke, Trustee Liapes, President Kennedy, Trustee Khan.
Absent: None.
Motion carried.

13. New Business: None.

14. Comments/Topics for the August Board Meeting: None.

15. Trustee Training: Alex Todd, Dieters & Todd presented Trustee training with the topic of Director Evaluations.

16. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn to the next Regular Meeting of September 17, 2026.
Trustee Hulke moved and Trustee Liapes seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at: 8:45 p.m.

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Secretary
Marianne Bailey

Kandice Krettler
Assistant Director