

February Palos Heights Library Board Meeting

Palos Heights Public Library

February 19, 2026 Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by President Rose Zubik. The following trustees were present: Rose Zubik, Dianne Key, Hilary Rhodes, John Peltz, and Patrick Keough. Susan Snow joined via zoom. Maria Koeppen arrived at 6:50pm. Steve Foertsch and Sue Jankowski were absent.
2. Also present were Jesse Blazek, Library Director, Terry Fleckenstein, Business Manager, Tina Ruzala, Head of Youth & Teen Services and Lorena Rodriguez, Head of Technical Services.
3. No members of the public attended and there was no public comment.
4. Trustee Key moved to approve the minutes of the January regular board meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously by a voice vote.
5. **Treasurer's Report**
 - a. Trustee Peltz moved to approve the General Fund bills for January 2026 for \$176,364.73. The motion was approved unanimously by a roll call vote.
 - b. Trustee Peltz moved to approve the Treasurer's report for the month ending January 31, 2026. The motion was approved unanimously by a roll call vote.
6. No President's Report
7. **Director's Report:** In addition to Director Blazek's written report:
 - a. Update on Budget - Cook County should send out the next round of tax bills within the next month. Still waiting for reports to accompany distributions we already received. Unknown if future distributions will be on time or not. See report for more information.
8. There was no correspondence.
9. There were no committee reports.
10. **New Business**
 - a. Susan Snow motions to approve the updates to the Strategic Plan as recommended by the Long Range Planning Committee. The motion was seconded by John Peltz and approved unanimously by a voice vote.
 - b. Susan Snow motions to approve the library closure on Saturday, May 30, 2026 for the Summer Reading Kickoff Program. The motion was seconded by Dianne Key and it was approved unanimously by a voice vote.

11. President Zubik adjourned the meeting at 6:59pm.
12. The next board meeting is March, March 19th at 6:30pm.

Minutes recorded by Hilary Rhodes, Secretary