

GAIL BORDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

270 N. Grove Ave., Elgin, IL

August 11, 2026

7:00 p.m.

President Bednar was physically present as well as Secretary Henderson, Trustees Garcia, and Low. Trustees Bedolla, Lara and Symonds were absent. Chief Executive Officer Carole Medal, and various members of the public and staff were also present.

President Bednar called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

A moment of silence was held in honor of former Trustee Sue Moylan.

There were three public comments.

Comments for the Good of the Organization were read. The library received twenty-eight new five-star Google reviews this month.

Henderson motioned to approve the July 14, 2026 board meeting minutes; seconded by Low. There was no discussion. Roll call resulted in 4 ayes (Bednar, Garcia, Henderson, Low), 0 nays and 3 absent (Bedolla, Lara, Symonds).

Gacia motioned to approve the July 14, 2026 Closed session; seconded by Henderson. There was no discussion. Roll call resulted in 4 ayes (Bednar, Garcia, Henderson, Low), 0 nays and 3 absent (Bedolla, Lara, Symonds).

Vice President Garcia moved to approve the payment of bills including the bills over \$10,000 as presented totaling \$409,605.99 and the revised list of bills to be paid prior to the next board meeting; seconded by Henderson. Trustee Garcia appreciated the library's continued use of local vendors. There was no discussion. Roll call resulted in 4 ayes (Bednar, Garcia, Henderson, Low), 0 nays and 3 absent (Bedolla, Lara, Symonds).

There was no correspondence.

Foundation

Foundation has received several donations in memory of Sue Moylan. The play *Aging with Grace and Humor* raised almost \$4,500 in tickets sales, with all actors and actresses volunteering their time. Foundation approved paying for the Elgin Hispanic Network Luncheon, sponsoring an Elgin History Museum Cemetery Walk ad space in the booklet and \$1,000 for the ACE Alignment events. The Foundation decided to support digital classes at the library in the amount of \$7,000 as no funding was received from Comcast Internet Essentials.

CEO Report

The Earth Matters exhibit will be closing Sunday, the exhibit brought in approximately 100,000 visitors. In recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month, Nuestras Historias: Celebrating Hispanic Culture & Community exhibit will open early September. Glitz, Glamour, Gorgeous part II will

open September 1. The 2026 Summer Reading Challenge is ending, and a report will be presented at the next board meeting. The Library participated at seven different locations during National Night Out. The South Elgin Branch celebrated the 10th Anniversary with over 200 attendees. Roll N Donut Café has renewed the contract with the Library.

Garcia motioned to approve the following Main Library and Rakow Branch Renovation bids as recommended by Shales McNutt with totals including Alternates 1 & 2:

06A General Trades Work to Hargrave Builders (2nd Bid) for \$542,450.00

09A Painting Work – Nedrow Decorating for \$37,200.00

09B Flooring Work – Johnson Floor Company for \$22,948.00

21A Fire Protection Work – Automatic Fire Systems for \$14,646.00

23A HVAC Work - Sherman Mechanical for \$49,500.00

26A Electrical Work – Associated Electrical Contractors for \$121,700.00; seconded by Henderson. Jason Perkunas from SMC Construction Services and Shaun Kelly from Engberg Anderson Architects explained the Main and Rakow Renovation project. There was no discussion. Roll call resulted in 4 ayes (Bednar, Garcia, Henderson, Low), 0 nays and 3 absent (Bedolla, Lara, Symonds).

Henderson motioned to approve the following Main Library Storytime Room & Rakow Branch Furniture proposals as recommended by Engberg Anderson:

General Furnishings 1 – Continua with bond for the total amount of \$34,325.27

General Furnishings 2 – M&M with bond for the total amount of \$51,205.03; seconded by Garcia. There was no discussion. Roll call resulted in 4 ayes (Bednar, Garcia, Henderson, Low), 0 nays and 3 absent (Bedolla, Lara, Symonds).

Sara Sabo, Chief Operating Officer-Library Services gave a short presentation on the Action plan - Strengthening Community Impact. Natalie Kiburg, Division Chief of Public Relations & Development, gave a presentation on Registration User Impact (RUI).

Other

Trustee Bednar shared that she is enjoying the fun videos on social media.

Henderson motioned to adjourn; seconded by Low. A voice vote resulted in no nays.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Approved September 8, 2026

Tiffany Henderson, Secretary

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