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**BRIDGEVIEW PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
April 13, 2026**

President Marwan Al Safadi called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Upon roll call the following Trustees were present: Alice Porfirio, Alic Vilimek, Anna Ziaja-Castillo, Betty Martinez and Marwan Al Safadi

Absent: Nick Lamnatos

Attendees: Director Chris Sebeck, Assistant Director Kathryn Blessman & Attorney Safaa Zarzour

President Marwan Al Safadi led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2026-013 Motion by Trustee Castillo and seconded by Trustee Martinez approve the agenda.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: 5 Porfirio, Castillo, Vilimek, Martinez & Al Safadi

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Lamnatos

Motion Carried

Board of Trustees interviewed Anthony Roeback for the vacant Trustee position. The Board collectively engaged in introductions and questions. Mr. Roeback is a longtime Bridgeview resident who expressed interest in giving back to the community. He currently works for the Bridgeview Fire department and is married with children. He shared his desire to be part of the team, support the library and contribute wherever needed.

2026-014 Motion by Trustee Al Safadi and seconded by Trustee Castillo to appoint Mr. Tony Roeback to fill the Board of Trustees vacancy left by Randy Carben.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: 5 Porfirio, Castillo, Vilimek, Martinez & Al Safadi

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Lamnatos

Motion Carried

2026-015 Motion by Trustee Porfirio and seconded by Trustee Vilimek approve Open Session minutes for March 9, 2026.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: 5 Porfirio, Castillo, Vilimek, Martinez & Al Safadi

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Lamnatos

Motion Carried

2026-016 Motion by Trustee Martinez and seconded by Trustee Castillo to approve the three consents

Agenda Items as Listed:

- a. Approval of Treasurer's Report – March 2026
- b. Prepaid Bills in the Amount of \$74,366.98.
- c. Bills in the Amount of \$24,963.19

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: 5 Porfirio, Castillo, Vilimek, Martinez & Al Safadi

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Lamnatos

Motion Carried

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○ **Directors Report:**

Director Sebuck provided an update on the following:

- Ongoing building projects, including floor and flood repair work.
- A CD was rolled over for five months at a 3.99% interest rate, which is a significant improvement from the prior rate.
- Property tax disbursements from the county continue to be received, though timing and year allocation remain unclear due to county tax processing delays.
- Current funds received are approximately \$950,000K, pending further clarification.

○ **Attorney Report:**

- Attorney Zarzour provided an update on the ongoing FOIA matter. Discussion included questions related to bidding procedures, emergency work, maintenance contracts and documents exist. Attorney Zarzour noted the Library and Village may coordinate further to clarify proper FOIA procedures and respond appropriately.

○ **Committee Report**

- Finance – no report
- Policy/By-Laws – no report

○ **Unfinished Business items:**

- N/A

○ **New Business:**

- None

○ **Items for next Agenda**

- Formally sworn in Trustee Roebach at next month's Board of Trustees meeting. Director will coordinate the invite of Clerk of Village of Bridgeview.

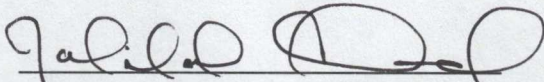
2026-017 Motion by Trustee Castillo and seconded by Trustee Martinez to adjourn.

Upon voice vote with all Trustees ayes and no nays:

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm

Respectfully Submitted,

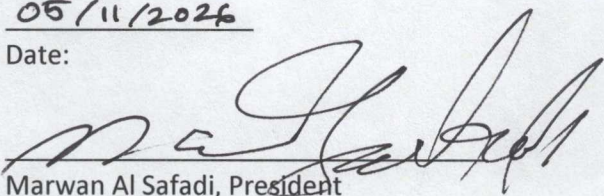


Jalilah N. Ahmad, Recording Secretary

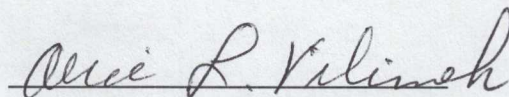
Approved:

05/11/2026

Date:



Marwan Al Safadi, President



Alice Vilimek, Secretary