

**BRIDGEVIEW PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
December 8, 2025**

President Marwan Al Safadi called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Upon roll call the following Trustees were present: Alice Porfirio, Alice Vilimek, Marwan Al Safadi, Nick Lamnatos and Betty Martinez (Trustee Martinez arrived at 7:06 after roll call)

Absent: Randy Carben, Anna Ziaja-Castillo,

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

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

2025–052 Motion by Trustee Lamnatos and seconded by Trustee Porfirio to approve the agenda.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: 4 Porfirio, Vilimek, Lamnatos & Al Safadi

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Carben, Castillo and Martinez

Motion Carried

2025–053 Motion by Trustee Lamnatos and seconded by Trustee Vilimek to approve Open Session minutes for November 10, 2025.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Carben, Castillo

Motion Carried

2025–054 Motion by Trustee Porfirio and seconded by Trustee Vilimek to approve the three consents Agenda Items as Listed:

- a. Approval of Treasurer's Report – November
- b. Prepaid Bills in the Amount of \$24,801.89
- c. Bills in the Amount of \$17,460.09

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Carben, Castillo

Motion Carried

○ **Directors Report:**

- Director Sebuck provided a wrap-up on the roofing project, accompanied by photos in packets of completed work by LK Construction. Trustees shared a few remarks regarding the images and requested the removal of any remaining material, etc.
- Director reviewed 2026 Board Meeting Dates, per bylaws the meetings are held every 2nd Monday of the month.
- NSS to Foundation Waterproofing to be postponed for the Winter season.
- Director Sebuck provided details on monthly expenses paid out in November 2025.
- The Board is agreed to forgo on Novotny Engineering sewer televising project at this time. Should the Library elect to move forward in the future, it will coordinate with the Village of Bridgeview Public Works department, pending review and project approval by Mayor Landek.

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○ **Attorney Report:**

- Attorney Safaa Zarzour initiated discussion regarding Trustee Carben relocation outside the Bridgeview Village, as previously shared by Trustee Carben during past Board meeting. Relevant Bylaws and State laws were reviewed, which require residency to continue service on the Library Board. As a result, the Board discussed next steps, including a recommendation to initiate the motion for removal and process to appoint a replacement. The Board expressed appreciation for Trustee Carben's many years of service.

○ **Committee Report**

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

○ **Unfinished Business items:**

- N/A

2025–055 President Al Safadi, I entertain a motion of the removal of Trustee Randy Carben from the Board, in accordance with Bridgeview Library Bylaws and State laws due to residency eligibility and failure to meet attendance requirements, including missing five consecutive Board meetings. The motion was so moved by Trustee Lamnatos.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Carben, Castillo

Motion Carried

2025–056 Motion by President Al Safadi and seconded by Trustee Vilimek to approve the resolution for Non-Resident Card Fees for the price of \$293.00.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Carben, Castillo

Motion Carried

○ **New Business:**

- 2026 Board Meeting Dates Discussion and Action – discussed no changes in accordance per bylaws the meeting are held every 2nd Monday of the month.
- Non-Resident Fee Annual Ordinance Discussion and Action
- Sewer Televising Discussion and Action
- Foundation Waterproofing Discussion and Action – project postponed for Winter season

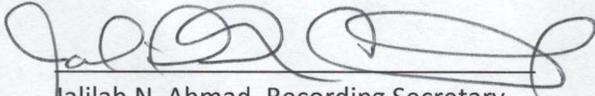
○ **Items for next Agenda**

- Review and Discuss Non-Resident Card Fees

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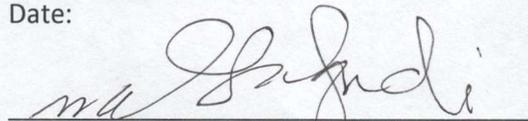
2025-057 Motion by Trustee Al Safadi to adjourn.
Upon voice vote with all Trustees ayes and no nays:
Motion Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:14pm

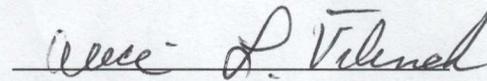
Respectfully Submitted,


Jalilah N. Ahmad, Recording Secretary

Approved:

1/12/2026
Date:


Marwan Al Safadi, President


Alice Vilimek, Secretary