

**Bradley Public Library  
Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting April 16, 2025  
Drassler Conference Room**

President Bayer called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

**Trustees Present:** Nick Allen, Karen Bayer, Madonna Benoit, Lucson Edme, Brandon Hawkins, Jessica Trudeau

**Trustees Absent:** None

**Also Present:** Jodie DePatis, Director, Paula Goodwin (prospective trustee), Jody Andriano (prospective trustee)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Trustee Edme made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 19, 2025 Regular Board meeting. Trustee Benoit seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**FINANCIAL REPORT AND APPROVAL OF VENDOR PAYMENTS:**

Trustee Bayer made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted and to accept vendor payments in the amount of \$38,613.94 for the month of March 2025. Trustee Trudeau seconded and motion carried by roll call of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

(Statistical Reports Attached)

Director DePatis stated the following:

- **Continuing Education:** Director DePatis attended an advocacy webinar put on by the American Library Association in response to cuts to the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services.
- **Building:** The annual fire and burglar alarm inspections were completed by Protection Associates. Matco will be coming the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in May for the annual sprinkler inspections.
- **Programs:** A mobile pantry was held on March 26, 2025 serving 101 families. Our 7<sup>th</sup> annual Say Yes to the Prom Dress event held on March 29 & 30 and April 5 was a success with 99 attendees and 107 dresses finding new homes. BPL will be hatching eggs again this year through the University of Illinois Extension program. Eggs will be picked up on April 15 with a 3-week incubation period before hatching around May 6. Programs are winding down in April with summer reading preparations being the focus for May.
- **Grants:** The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarterly PNG report was completed and sent to the Illinois State Library for review.
- **Misc:** The Library's HR Source membership was renewed for 2025-26.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Friends of the Library:** Trustee Bayer stated that the following money is being allocated for summer reading:
  - \$400.00 adult line dancing program
  - \$200.00 Brookfield Zoo pass for family basket
  - \$120.00 4-ticket Paradox Emporium escape room for gift basket
  - \$200.00 inflatables for summer parking lot party

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- **Statement of Economic Interest:** Trustee Bayer reminded Trustees to submit Statement of Economic Interest if they haven't completed it yet.

- **2025 Consolidated Election:** Trustee Bayer stated that Brandon Hawkins won the Bradley Public Library trustee vote for the April 1<sup>st</sup> election.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **IMLS Update:** Director DePatis gave a synopsis and gave out information on who to contact.
- **Commercial/Liability Insurance Renewal:** Director DePatis stated the commercial/liability insurance was renewed with a slight increase in premiums which was lower than the average premium increase.
- **Approval for disposal of executive session recordings for 9/21/2022, 3/15/2023, 7/19/2023, & 10/18/23:** Trustee Benoit made a motion to dispose of executive session recordings and Trustee Hawkins seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- **Trustee Vacancy:** Paula Goodwin and Jody Andriano both expressed interest in the trustee vacancy and were interviewed by Trustees.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 6:45 p.m. Trustee Hawkins made a motion to go into Executive Session. Trustee Allen seconded and motion carried by unanimous vote. The following topics were discussed:

- **Consideration of person to fill trustee vacancy**
- **The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees**

At 7:04 p.m. President Bayer declared Executive session concluded and meeting returned to open session. Trustee Allen made a motion to except the resignation of Trustee Benoit and to appoint Paula Goodwin and Jody Andriano to the Board of Trustees. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 7:06 p.m. Trustee Hawkins made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Trudeau seconded and motion carried by unanimous vote.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Madonna Benoit  
Secretary

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Marie Cowden  
Recording Secretary