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**McHenry Public Library District  
Board of Library Trustees Regular Meeting  
MINUTES**

**Date:** Tuesday, February 17, 2026  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Meeting Rooms #135 & #136

**I. CALL TO ORDER – Charles Reilly, President**

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

**II. ROLL CALL – Monica Leccese, Secretary**

**A. Roll Call**

Roll was called.

**Members Present:** Bud Alexander, Monica Leccese, Charles Reilly, Terry Weingart

**Members Absent:** Victor Jimenez Carrillo, Jim O'Hagan, Vickie Schutze

**Also Present:** Deirdre Deasey, Circulation Clerk  
Jen Einoris, Youth Services Associate  
Lesley Jakacki, Executive Director  
Jennifer May, HR Generalist  
Sandra Mendez Barradas, Administrative Assistant  
Kathy Milfajt, Technical Services Department Manager  
Alie Stansbury, Youth Services Department Manager

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**IV. CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

The wrong year was entered in the date of the Minutes under the Secretary's Report section and has been corrected.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT AND RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

**VI. SECRETARY'S REPORT – Monica Leccese, Secretary**

**A. Approval of Minutes of the January 20, 2026, Regular Meeting**

Secretary Leccese stated that she reviewed the Minutes of the January 20, 2026, Regular Meeting and found no changes necessary.

Weingart moved, and Alexander seconded the motion to approve the Secretary's Report.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Alexander, Leccese, Reilly, Weingart

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Jimenez Carrillo, O'Hagan, Schutze

**Motion Passed**

**VII. TREASURER'S REPORT – Terry Weingart, Treasurer**

**A.** Approval of Monthly Financial Statements, Interim Check Report, and Bill Reports for January/February 2026, Additional Bills, and Petty Cash and Credit Card Reports

Treasurer Weingart stated that for the seven months ended January 31, 2026, revenue was \$4.2 million (72% of budget), operating expenditures were \$1.7 million (37% of budget), capital expenditures were \$55,000 (3% of budget), and total surplus is \$2.5 million.

Alexander moved, and Leccese seconded the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Alexander, Leccese, Reilly, Weingart

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Jimenez Carrillo, O'Hagan, Schutze

**Motion Passed**

**VIII. COMMUNICATIONS**

**A.** Letter to JoAnn Pugh-Gannon in Recognition of Memorial Donation

Letter to JoAnn Pugh-Gannon in Recognition of Memorial Donation in honor of Ripley Sutton-Smith.

**B.** Letter to Hello Darling Books and Beyond in Recognition of Donation

Letter to Tina Bree, owner of Hello Darling Books and Beyond, in Recognition of her donation of a giftbox of book-related goodies as a raffle prize for the adult winter reading program at the Library.

**IX. LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**

**A.** Librarian's Report

We continue to see a downward trend of physical item checkouts with a somewhat equal increase in e-materials use. Attendance was similar to this time last year and card registration went slightly up. Program attendance was down from last year; however, this was due to a couple of YouTube videos going viral last year.

Director Jakacki shared the following updates from the Librarian's Report:

- A. Colgan, Adult Services Library Associate, started a new daytime book discussion group for True Crime readers at Toast & Roast coffee shop. There was a great turnout for the first meeting.
- Annual fire extinguisher inspection and tagging was completed this month.
- Youth Services, along with a member from Circulation, visited Cup of Wonder Café in Wonder Lake to do a storytime and are scheduled to go back soon.
- We completed the annual pulling of old magazines that are circulated and these were donated to the Friends of the Library for their Magazine Sale, which began on February 16, at the Library lounge area.
- Director Jakacki highlighted a compliment for two of our Youth Services staff members from a patron who traveled from Wisconsin.

**B.** Share A Service- Library Lovers Expedition with library staff D. Deasey and J. Einoris

D. Deasy and E. Einoris gave a detailed presentation on this year's Library Lovers Expedition.

**X. OLD BUSINESS**

**A.** Facilities Master Plan

Director Jakacki went over questions and feedback Trustee O'Hagan sent her regarding the Facilities Master Plan.

**B.** Parking Lot Replacement Project Updates

Director Jakacki gave a few updates regarding the Parking Lot Replacement Project. We are planning to go to bid at the end of February or beginning of March. We will get more handicap parking spots in the front parking lot. We are adding a cement collar around the manhole covers as they keep sinking frequently. It was also noted that there was no curb in the backside of the building and recommended adding a cement ribbon to keep the border of the asphalt from crumbling.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**A.** Fiesta Days Parade on July 19, 2026, Library Closure

Request to close the Library on July 19, 2026, so all staff can participate in the Fiesta Days Parade.

Reilly moved, and Weingart seconded the motion to approve the Library Closure for the Fiesta Days Parade on July 19, 2026.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Alexander, Leccese, Reilly, Weingart

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Jimenez Carrillo, O'Hagan, Schutze

**Motion Passed**

**B.** Resolution No. 2025/2026-04, Resolution to Transfer Money to the Special Reserve Fund

Based on the recommendation from Tom Coughlin, the Library's accountant, a Resolution has been drafted to transfer the first half of the amount budgeted from the General Fund to the Special Reserve Fund.

Weingart moved, and Leccese seconded the motion to approve Resolution No. 2025/2026-04 to transfer \$425,000.00 to the Special Reserve Fund.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Alexander, Leccese, Reilly, Weingart

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Jimenez Carrillo, O'Hagan, Schutze

**Motion Passed**

**C.** Training Lab Computer Replacements

The Library's Training Lab computers are due for replacement as they are eight years old. The IT and Adult Services Department found three different laptops with specifications which fit the Library's needs. They are recommending purchasing 13 Lenovo Thinkbook G8 laptops from CDW-G due to this vendor having the most economical pricing and the best service.

Alexander moved, and Weingart seconded the motion to approve the purchase of new Lenovo laptops for the Library's Training Lab.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Alexander, Leccese, Reilly, Weingart

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Jimenez Carrillo, O'Hagan, Schutze

**Motion Passed**

**D.** Legal Representation

Director Jakacki informed the Board about some recent FOIA requests and their outcomes.

**E.** Panhandling and Patron Incidents

Director Jakacki notified the Board that there have been several complaints from patrons regarding people panhandling in and outside the Library. She also informed them that panhandling is a protected First Amendment right, and as a public organization, the Library cannot intervene as long that person is not breaking any laws or the Library's patron code of conduct.

**XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The board did not enter Executive Session.

**XIII. ACTION TAKEN AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**XIV. ANY AND ALL OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD**

**A.** Reminder that the next regular scheduled Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. due to election day.

Director Jakacki reminded the Board that the next Board meeting will be held on the fourth, rather than the third, Tuesday in March due to public body meetings being prohibited on election days per the Open Meetings Act.

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

Weingart moved, and Alexander seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Alexander, Leccese, Reilly, Weingart

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Jimenez Carrillo, O'Hagan, Schutze

**Motion Passed**

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees this 24th day of March, 2026

AYES: 5 - Alexander, Jimenez Carrillo, Leccese, Reilly, Schutze

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 1 - O'Hagan

ABSENT: 1 - Weingart

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Monica Leccese, Secretary