

## **SKOKIE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

### **May 14, 2025 Annual Meeting Minutes**

Carolyn A. Anthony Business and Community Center

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Eugene Griffin, President, called the meeting to order at 8:11 pm.

#### **Members present:**

- Eugene Griffin, President; Shabnam Mahmood, Vice President; Mary Pietrucha, Secretary; Leah Glickman; Michelle Mallari; Alisa Ungar-Sargon; Ella Whitehead.

#### **Staff present:**

- Richard Kong, Executive Director; Laura McGrath, Deputy Director; Leah White, Associate Director of Organizational Development; Amy Koester, Director of Public Services; Alyson Doubek, Finance Manager; Suzy Rodela-Sulik, Administrative Coordinator; Rick Sawdon, Program Assistant.

#### **Guest present:**

- Erin Monforti of Ancel Glink.

#### **COMMENTS FROM OBSERVERS**

There were no comments from observers.

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

- At 8:12 pm, Ms. Mahmood nominated herself for president, Ms. Pietrucha seconded. A roll call vote was taken; there were 7 ayes and 0 nays.
- At 8:13 pm, Ms. Mallari nominated herself for vice president, Ms. Whitehead seconded. A roll call vote was taken; there were 7 ayes and 0 nays.
- At 8:14 pm, Ms. Pietrucha nominated herself for secretary, Ms. Mahmood seconded. A roll call vote was taken; there were 7 ayes and 0 nays.

The new officers were elected by acclamation.

#### **APPROVAL OF FY 2026-2027 BOARD MEETING CALENDAR**

At 8:16 pm, a motion was made by Ms. Ungar-Sargon, seconded by Ms. Mahmood:

- MOTION: THAT THE SKOKIE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE FY2026-2027 BOARD MEETING CALENDAR AS PRESENTED.

A vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously. There were 7 ayes and 0 nays.

#### **APPROVAL OF REVISED ETHICS STATEMENT FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Mr. Kong provided details on the revisions. The trustees asked some clarifying questions.

At 8:22 pm, a motion was made by Ms. Mahmood, seconded by Ms. Mallari:

- MOTION: THAT THE SKOKIE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE REVISED ETHICS STATEMENT FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES AS PRESENTED.

A vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously. There were 7 ayes and 0 nays.

#### **REVIEW OF BOARD BYLAWS**

The trustees reviewed and noted the bylaws.

**TRUSTEE TRAINING**

Ms. Monforti of Ancel Glink provided some OMA refreshers to the trustees. The trustees asked some clarifying questions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:07 pm, a motion was made by Ms. Whitehead, seconded by Ms. Mahmood:

- MOTION: THAT THE SKOKIE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES ADJOURN THE ANNUAL MEETING.

A vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously. There were 7 ayes and 0 nays.

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Mary Pietrucha, Secretary