

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.

Mary Pietrucha, Secretary