

**LORAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM
LORAIN, OHIO**

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 15, 2025

President Ramirez called the meeting to order at 4:39 p.m. President Ramirez asked if any Board members had a conflict with the agenda. No Trustees indicated a conflict with the business for this evening.

Roll Call – Ms. Ramirez, yes; Mr. White, yes; Ms. Torres, yes; Mr. Ackerman, yes; Mr. Byrne, yes; Ms. Thompson, yes

Mr. White attended virtually via zoom.

#2026-001 Approval of 2026 Lorain Public Library Board of Trustees Officers

Mr. Ackerman moved, Ms. Torres seconded to approve the 2026 Lorain Public Library Board of Trustees Officers.

Ms. Melissa Ramirez, President

Mr. Ackerman moved, Mr. Byrne seconded to appoint Ms. Melissa Ramirez to President of the 2026 Lorain Public Library Board of Trustees.

Mr. Chris White, Vice President

Ms. Torres moved, Mr. Byrne seconded to appoint Mr. Chris White to Vice President of the 2026 Lorain Public Library Board of Trustees.

Ms. Milagros Torres, Secretary

Mr. Byrne moved, Ms. Melissa Ramirez seconded to appoint Ms. Milagros Torres to Secretary of the 2026 Lorain Public Library Board of Trustees.

Roll Call for Resolution #2026-001: yeas, unanimous

Statement of Expectations – President Ramirez commented that the Trustees are asked yearly to review and sign the Statement of Expectations for Board members.

#2026-002 Approval of 2026 Committees

Board members were nominated to serve on the committees.

- Library Services & Personnel: Milagros Torres, Chair
Richard Ackerman
Desiree Thompson
- Finance, Audit & Properties: Terry Byrne, Chair
Richard Ackerman
Chris White
- Trustee Development & Nominating: Desiree Thompson, Chair
Max Schaefer
Chris White
- Lorain County Trustees Council: Terry Byrne
Max Schaefer
Milagros Torres
- Liaison to Foundation of LPLS: Richard Ackerman

Ms. Torres moved, Mr. Ackerman seconded to approve the 2026 committees.

Roll Call for Resolution #2026-002: yeas, unanimous

#2026-003 2026 Board of Trustees Meeting Dates

2026 Board Meetings

January 15, 2026	Avon Branch
February 19, 2026	North Ridgeville Branch
March 19, 2026	Main Branch
April 16, 2026	North Ridgeville Branch
May 21, 2026	Avon Branch
June 18, 2026	South Branch
July 16, 2026	Main Branch
August 20, 2026	Main Branch
September 17, 2026	Domonkas Branch
October 15, 2026	Columbia Branch
November 19, 2026	Avon Branch
December 17, 2026	North Ridgeville Branch

*All board meetings begin at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Ackerman moved, Mr. Byrne seconded to approve the 2026 board meeting dates.

Roll Call for Resolution #2026-003: yeas, unanimous

#2026-004 Resolution to Approve Entering Executive Session to Discuss Matters Related to Employment of a Public Employee.

Ms. Torres moved, Mr. Byrne seconded to approve Entering Executive Session to Discuss Matters Related to Employment of a Public Employee.

Roll Call for Resolution #2026-004: yeas, unanimous

Entered Executive Session at 4:49 p.m.

Reconvened from Executive Session at 5:34 p.m.

#2026-005 Appoint Anastasia Diamond-Ortiz Fiscal Officer and Clerk of the Board, through December 31, 2026, upon Execution of a Surety Bond in the amount of \$100,000

Ms. Torres moved, Mr. Byrne seconded the appointment of Anastasia Diamond-Ortiz Fiscal Officer and Clerk of the Board, through December 31, 2026, upon Execution of a Surety Bond in the amount of \$100,000.

Roll Call for Resolution #2026-005; yeas, unanimous

#2026-006 Appoint Connie Wilson, Assistant Fiscal Officer, through December 31, 2026, upon Execution of a Surety Bond in the amount of \$100,000

Mr. Ackerman moved, Mr. Byrne seconded the appointment of Connie Wilson, Assistant Fiscal Office, through December 31, 2026, upon Execution of a Surety Bond in the amount of \$100,000.

Roll Call for Resolution #2026-006: yeas, unanimous

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

ATTEST:



President



Secretary

