

**LORAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM
LORAIN, OHIO**

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 2, 2026

President Ramirez called the meeting to order at 5:11 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 – Mr. Ackerman yes, Mr. Byrne yes, Mr. Schaefer yes, Ms. Thompson yes, Ms. Torres excused, Mr. White yes, Ms. Ramirez yes

#2026-026 Resolution to Approve Purchase of Real Estate Property

The Library authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to enter into an agreement and to execute other such instruments as are necessary to purchase two vacant lots on Royalton Road, SR 82, Columbia Station, OH 44028-9084, also known as parcel numbers 12-00-056-000-045 and 12-00-056-000-026, for Three Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$310,000).

Mr. Byrne moved, Mr. Ackerman seconded to approve Purchase of Real Estate Property.

Mr. Byrne asked if this Special Meeting/Resolution was available to the public and CEO Diamond-Ortiz said that the agenda and information about the time and place of the meeting was uploaded to the website and available to the public. A lengthy discussion regarding the property, the location, acreage, construction, cost, etc. was had and CEO Diamond-Ortiz shared information on the property. The purchase agreement will start the 60-day process before finalizing purchase of the property, contingent upon all zoning, water, etc. testing requirements being fulfilled and the property being deemed feasible by the Library.

Roll Call for Resolution #2026-026: yeas, unanimous

#2026-027 Resolution to Approve Entering Executive Session to Discuss Matters Related to Employment of a Public Employee.

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

Roll Call for Resolution #2026-027: yeas, unanimous

Enter Executive Session at 5:25 p.m.

Reconvened at 7:39 p.m.

Mr. Byrne moved, Mr. Schaefer seconded to Exit Executive Session.

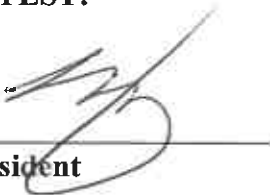
Roll Call for Resolution #2026-027: yeas, unanimous

#2026-028 Motion to Authorize Administration to move forward with offering the Director of Finance and Fiscal Officer position to Laura R. Bates, Director of Finance and Fiscal Officer candidate.

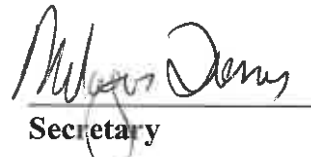
Mr. Byrne moved, Mr. White seconded to approve Motion to Authorize Administration to move forward with Laura R. Bates, Director of Finance and Fiscal Officer candidate.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

ATTEST:



President



Secretary