

**LORAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM  
LORAIN, OHIO**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, May 21, 2026

President Ramirez called the meeting to order at 5:00 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, Mr. White yes, Ms. Ramirez yes

**#2026-049 Resolution of Appreciation for the 2026 Lorain Library Levy Committee**

Mr. Ackerman moved, Mr. Schaefer seconded to approve the Resolution of Appreciation for the 2026 Lorain Library Levy Committee.

**Roll Call for Resolution #2026-049: yeas, unanimous**

**#2026-050 Resolution of Appreciation for the 2026 Domonkas Library Levy Committee**

Ms. Thompson moved, Mr. Schaefer seconded to approve the Resolution of Appreciation for the 2026 Domonkas Library Levy Committee.

**Roll Call for Resolution #2026-050: yeas, unanimous**

**#2026-051 Approval of April 16, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Byrne moved, Mr. Schaefer seconded to approve the April 16, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes.

**Roll Call for Resolution #2026-051: yeas, unanimous**

**Report of the Director**

CEO Diamond-Ortiz thanked everyone for the hard work and dedication on the Lorain and Sheffield Lake levy campaigns. Josh Campbell, STEAM Manager was introduced to the Board and he shared a few words on his background. CEO Diamond-Ortiz shared about the Leadership Lorain County Signature Class of 2026 induction ceremony where Kathleen Norman was inducted and mentioned that Kelsey DeCoste will be attending the Library Leadership Ohio conference in July.

## Committee Reports

- a. Finance, Audit and Properties Committee – Committee met on May 1 and discussed the Tax Budget, Proposed Budget Transfers, Board Fiscal Policies, Cybersecurity Requirements, Insurance for Errors and Omissions, and Property and Capital updates.
- b. Library Services and Personnel Committee – Mr. Max Schaefer will be the new Chair for this committee. No report.
- c. Trustee Development and Nominating Committee – Ms. Thompson shared that interviews will be scheduled for a new Trustee.
- d. Friends of the Library – The Friends of the North Ridgeville Library hosted a successful spring book sale from April 23–26. Through the dedication and hard work of volunteers, the sale raised nearly \$4,000 in support of library programs and services, demonstrating the continued generosity and involvement of the Friends organization within the community.
  - Despite ongoing elevator construction and temporary space adjustments at the Main Library, the Friends of the Library successfully adapted plans to ensure the annual book sale could still move forward. While the sale will be held on a smaller scale this year, the Friends’ flexibility and continued dedication will allow the event to take place on May 15 and 16 in conjunction with the branch’s Decades Party celebration, creating an exciting opportunity to bring patrons together for both events and continue supporting library programs and services.
  - Lisa Maatz has been elected as the new president of the Friends of the Domonkas Branch Library. The organization looks forward to benefiting from her experience in fundraising, advocacy, and community engagement as the Friends continue supporting branch programs and initiatives.

## Upcoming Friends Events

### Friends of the Lorain Library, Inc.

#### Book Sale

#### May 15 to 16

Friday, May 15; 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 16; 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

### Friends of Columbia Library, Inc.

#### Book Sale

Thursday, May 14; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday, May 15; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, May 16; 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Friends of the Domonkas Library**

**Book Sale**

May 27 to 30

Wednesday, May 27; Noon to 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 28; 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Friday, May 29; 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 30; 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Bag Sale)

e. Foundation of the Lorain Public Library System – None

**Branch Update**

- Kim Edsell, Assistant Branch Manager, shared about the Avon Branch hosting the 2026 North Coast Business Showcase and it was a success. The Avon Branch continues to reach out to local businesses to partner with them.

**New Business**

**Consent Agenda**

**#2026-052 to #2026-058**

**#2026-052 Resolution to Approve Then and Now Payment to Medica LLC.**

**Approve a Then and Now payment to Medica LLC for consulting services as follows:**

Check #	Amount	Date Paid
7529	\$7,392.50	May 11, 2026

**#2026-053 Resolution to Approve the Adoption of the 2026 Tax Budget**

**#2026-054 Resolution to Approve First Amendment to the Year 2026 Appropriation**

**#2026-055 Authorization to purchase and use “employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty policy” through Ohio Plan Risk Management instead of individuals surety bonds**

**#2026-056 Approval of Personnel Appointments in April**

APPOINTMENTS								
NAME	POSITION	DATE	PT/FT/ TEMP HOURS	GRADE/ STEP	SALARY	DEPT/ BRANCH	NEW HIRE/ CURRENT STAFF	REASON FOR CHANGE
Asher Schmidt	Librarian, Children's Focus	5/26/2026	FT	W	\$23.61	Main	New Hire	Replaces Sarah White
Judith Harris	Administrative Assistant	5/11/2026	FT	C	\$18.00	Main	Current	Part-time to Full-time

**#2026-057 Resolution to Ratify Past Compensation for Sarah Cruz**

**#2026-058 Resolution to Approve the Revision to the Board of Trustees of the Board of Trustees Policy Book, Codified Policies, 1.5 Public Participation at Board Meetings (2021-6-17)**

Mr. Byrne moved, Mr. Schaefer seconded approval of all Consent Items #2026-052 to #2026-058.

**Roll Call for Consent Items #2026-052 to #2026-05; yeas, unanimous**

**#2026-059 Resolution to Approve Entering Executive Session to Discuss Specialized Details of Security Arrangements, to Discuss Legal Matters Related to Considering the Purchase of Property for Public Purposes, and to Discuss Employment of a Public Employee**

Mr. White moved, Mr. Byrne seconded to approve Entering Executive Session to Discuss Specialized Details of Security Arrangements, to Discuss Legal Matters Related to Considering the Purchase of Property for Public Purposes, and to Discuss the Employment of a Public Employee.

**Roll Call for Resolution #2026-059: yeas, unanimous**

**Entered Executive Session at 5:23 p.m.**

**Reconvened from Executive Session at 6:32 p.m.**


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

**Roll Call: yeas, unanimous**

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

  
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**President**

  
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**Secretary**

