

RIVER FOREST PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting Minutes: Special Board Meeting: May 20, 2025 at 5:45 PM

Call to Order: At 5:45 pm, President Ruggeri called the Special Meeting of the River Forest Public Library Board of Trustees to order. The roll was taken:

- Trustees Present: Cathy Ruggeri, Scott Delano, Elan Long, Jim Hopkinson. Kosha Baxi Carstens. Ann Berens and Simon Saddleton were absent.
- Also Present: Emily Compton (RFPL Director) and Shannon Duffy (RFPL Operations Manager).

Visitors and Guests: Lindsay McIntyre, Kathleen O'Neill, Nathan Root

Visitor Comments: None

Consent Agenda:

- a. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting: April 15, 2025
- b. Approve and release minutes of the executive session held April 15, 2025, and authorize tape destruction 18 months from April 15, 2025.
- c. Policy update: Trustee Bylaws

Trustee Ruggeri asked to remove item c from the consent agenda. The Bylaws will be voted on at the June Regular Board meeting. Trustee Hopkinson moved to approve Consent Agenda items a. and b. Trustee Delano seconded the motion which passed on a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Delano, Hopkinson, Long, Ruggeri

Abstain: Baxi Carstens

Proposals for General Counsel Services – vote

The board discussed the reasons for moving from Klein, Thorp and Jenkins to another firm for general counsel services. Director Compton received proposals from three law firms: Ancel Glink; Peregrine, Stine, Newman, Ritzman, and Bruckner (PSNRB); and Robbins Schwartz. She recommended selecting Ancel Glink because of their rich understanding of library issues and law; strong recommendations from peer libraries, and competitive rates. Since Ancel Glink represents River Forest Township and River Forest Park District, their policy will be to not represent either side in cases of disputes between the Library and another River Forest public entity.

Trustee Delano moved to enter into a contract with Ancel Glink to serve as the Library's general counsel. Trustee Carstens seconded the motion which passed on a roll call vote

Ayes: Delano, Hopkinson, Long, Ruggeri, Carstens

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:57 following a motion by Trustee Long which was seconded by Trustee Hopkinson. All approved, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Elan Long, Secretary