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**MEETING MINUTES****I. Call to Order and Roll Call.**

President Fishman called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Secretary Di Lorenzo called roll.

PRESENT: Trustees Bederman, Di Lorenzo, Fishman, Mullman, Pasko, Sennett, Director Auston

ABSENT: Trustee Cox

VISITORS: Liz Seager – League of Women Voters; resident Bob Lepkowski

STAFF: Marti Bellefontaine, Cathleen Blair, Sandra Discepolo, Ethan Herdrich, Andrea Vaughn Johnson

**II. Review draft of August 19, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Trustee Sennett moved approval of August 19, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, as presented. Trustee Di Loreenzo seconded the motion. There was no discussion.**

Aye – Bederman, Di Lorenzo, Mullman, Pasko, Sennett, Fishman

Nay – None

Absent or not voting – Cox

MOTION CARRIED.

**III. Public Comment. 29-year resident Bob Lepkowski continued his support of staff's development of WPLD's collection and content.****IV. Presentations. None.****V. Treasurer's Report.****A. Financial Report for August 2025. Trustee Bederman shared the following:**

- WPLD received slightly more than \$2,000 in replacement taxes in August, \$25,700 in property taxes, and the FY25 per capita grant of approximately \$41,000.
- At PTMA's September 11 Library Tax Levy Preparation workshop, the question of when Cook County will be collecting and disbursing property taxes was answered inconclusively, making WPLD's fund balance policy and planning helpful.
- CDs earned slightly shy of \$50,000 in interest. The Federal Reserve Board is expected to lower interest rates in the near future.
- Expenses are trending at 16%, which is on track for this stage of the fiscal year. The expense and check detail report was included in the board packet.
- Andrew Kim from PTMA will discuss the levy at next month's October 15 finance committee meeting.

Director Auston answered board questions and noted the financial analysis outlook meeting will cover both near and short-term finance discussions. Auditors from Selden

Fox are anticipated to present the financial audit for 2024-25 fiscal year at the October 21, 2025 regular board meeting.

- B. Bills and Salaries Check Detail for August 2025. Trustee Di Lorenzo moved approval of the August 2025 Bills and Salaries Check Detail, as presented. Trustee Mullman seconded the motion. There was no discussion.

Aye – Bederman, Di Lorenzo, Mullman, Pasko, Sennett, Fishman

Nay – None

Absent or not voting – Cox

MOTION CARRIED.

- VI. Action Items. None.

- VII. Director's Report. Included in Director Auston's written report were additional steps that were taken this past month in meeting goals, including key statistics, and updates to collections, programs, and services, as well as staff news. In his verbal report he highlighted a number of details across all departments, including statistics from the past month, the CCS addition of Vernon Area Library, updates from our Asbestos Abatement Project, a summary of the Summer Reading Club outcomes, and additional highlights.

- VIII. Committees - Report on Meetings.

- A. ILA / RAILS Updates. Trustee Sennett spoke of RAILS discussion of school libraries, school librarians, and their connection with local libraries and librarians. Trustee Sennett noted the recurring 5-year funding authorization ends on September 30<sup>th</sup> and Congress has offered support to IMLS, even if the current Administration does not. Director Auston noted WPLD will be represented by President Fishman and Trustee Sennett along with several staff members at the ILA annual conference in October.

- B. Intergovernmental Cooperation Committee Update. Trustees Sennett and Mullman will attend the rescheduled committee meeting on October 30, 2025.

- IX. Information Items.

- A. Communication. Comments from suggestion boxes were distributed at the meeting.

- B. Director Auston noted ILA's conference will be 10/14-16 in Rosemont, IL and 10/16 is trustee day.

- X. New Business. None.

- XI. Adjournment.

Trustee Pasko moved to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

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