

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 23, 2026
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOUTH HOLLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1) CALL TO ORDER

President Vanessa Bradley called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2) ROLL CALL

President Vanessa Bradley, Vice-President Angela Oldenkamp, Treasurer Patricia McCreary Cannon, Secretary Janice Newman, Trustee LaTia Maxwell, Trustee Jimmy Stewart, Director Christyn Rayford, Assistant Director Amilcar Perez.

Absent: Trustee Sonya Harrington

3) INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS –

Secretary Newman introduced Linda Mathews.

4) PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Members of the Public are invited to speak to the Board. Speakers are allowed three (3) minutes to address the Board. Individuals will not be allowed to speak a second time until all speakers who wish to address the Board have been recognized.

Comments:

Guest Linda Mathews informed that she has been a South Holland resident for 30 years and retired from the South Suburban College. She informed that she is an author and she is concerned about what children read. She explained that she attended the meeting to explore potential interest in betting involved as a board member.

President Bradley informed that the role of the trustees is to govern the library. She invited the guest to bring any comments or suggestions as to what books should be on display or on our stacks to the director as the management of the library is her responsibility.

5) CORRESPONDENCE* - Secretary Trustee Janice Newman read a card from Vanessa Bradley appreciating their gift sent by the Board of Trustees as she was recovering from an injury.

6) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Treasurer McCreary Cannon moved to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2026, Regular Meeting of the South Holland Public Library Board of Trustees. Secretary Newman seconded the motion.

Roll Call

Ayes: Vanessa Bradley, Angela Oldenkamp, Patricia McCreary Cannon, Janice Newman, Sonya Harrington, LaTia Maxwell, Jimmy Stewart.

Nays: None

Absent: Sonya Harrington

Motion Carried

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7) APPROVAL OF BILLS

- a. Secretary Newman moved to approve the February 23, 2026, bills submitted for payment in the amount of \$67, 565.20. Treasurer McCreary Cannon seconded the motion.

Roll Call

Ayes: Vanessa Bradley, Angela Oldenkamp, Patricia McCreary Cannon, Janice Newman, Sonya Harrington, LaTia Maxwell, Jimmy Stewart.

Nays: None

Absent: Sonya Harrington

Motion Carried

8) FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a. Secretary Newman moved to approve the Revenue & Expenditure Reports Year-to-Date for February 2026. Trustee Maxwell seconded the motion.

Roll Call

Ayes: Vanessa Bradley, Angela Oldenkamp, Patricia McCreary Cannon, Janice Newman, Sonya Harrington, LaTia Maxwell, Jimmy Stewart.

Nays: None

Absent: Sonya Harrington

Motion Carried

- b. Review Village Financials for February 2026.

9) COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Building & Grounds by Sonya Harrington

Comments: In Trustee Harrington absence, Director Rayford informed that at call for construction bids for the summer renovations were placed on Daily Herald. She informed that the bids opening will take place on March 12.

- b. Finance by Pat McCreary Cannon

Comments: Treasurer McCreary Cannon informed that the next Finance meeting will take place on March 19.

10) UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

11) NEW BUSINESS - None

12) LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- a. Director Rayford announced upcoming trustee training sessions on April 4 and April 7 as part of the ILA Library Trustee Forum.
- b. She informed that the ATLAS Trustee Day will take place on May 16th.
- c. She informed that she will step down from ATLAS and will seek other participation opportunities.
- d. She informed that a candidate was selected for the Public Services position.
- e. She informed that her and Assistant Director, Amilcar Perez are selecting paperwork to dispose of as part of our retention policy progress.

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f. She added that we are preparing for Wakanda Night happening on Friday February 27.

13) ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting of the South Holland Library Board of Trustees is
Monday, March 23, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

13) ADJOURNMENT

Secretary Newman moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm. The motion carried
unanimously.

Janice Newman, Secretary

Date