

**DOWNERS GROVE PUBLIC LIBRARY
1050 CURTISS STREET
DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS**

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES MEETING
SPECIAL MEETING
HELD AT CONFERENCE ROOM B
DOWNERS GROVE PUBLIC LIBRARY
FEBRUARY 12, 2026, 7:00 P.M.**

TRUSTEES:

Matt Topic	President
Barnali Khuntia	Trustee
Nathan Williams	Trustee
Dave Humphreys	Trustee

ABSENT:

Swapna Gigani	Trustee
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GUESTS:

Katelyn Vabalaitis	Human Resources & Finance Manager
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Minutes prepared by Human Resources & Finance Manager Katelyn Vabalaitis.

1. CALL TO ORDER

There being a quorum present, and adequate and proper notice of the meeting having been given, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Trustee Swapna Gigani was absent. All other Board members were present.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Genene Murphy commented that upon moving to Downers Grove, she was told one is not a real resident until they live here for 25 years. She has lived in Downers Grove now for 20 years, has attended Board meetings under three library directors, and she has a long history with the library. She is appreciative of the previous board who hired Julie Milavec and she remembers Julie's first meeting. Genene thanked the board for moving things forward and bringing what is best to this community. She sees young families, homeless individuals, families new to the community, and she thanks the Board for their good stewardship, good will, and thoughtful and conscientious decisions.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 Approval of New Library Director Hire and Compensation Package

On a motion made by Dave Humphreys, seconded by Barnali Khuntia, it was resolved to hire Heather-Marie Montilla as the next Executive Director of the Downers Grove Public Library, at an annual salary of \$143,000. Roll call: Ayes: Humphreys, Khuntia, Williams, Topic. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

Trustee Khuntia asked about the timeline of the hiring announcement. President Topic responded that he is scheduling an email announcement to all library staff to be sent after the library closes tonight. The press release will be sent out in the morning. HR & Finance Manager Katelyn Vabalaitis noted that an email announcement to all cardholders is planned to go out on Monday.

Trustee Humphreys asked if the Board could have a copy of the press release, to be prepared to answer any questions that may come their way. Katelyn confirmed that a copy will be sent to the trustees after the meeting.

5. ADJOURNMENT

President Topic adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

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