

GREEN HILLS PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
September 15, 2025
Regular Meeting

The Green Hills Public Library District Board of Trustees met at the Library on September 15, 2025.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Stratakos called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. Present were I. Chafee, K. Groark, M. Klich, and S. Stratakos.

Also present from staff were Jane Jenkins, Library Director; Sara Horn, Deputy Director, Catherine Kruse, Head of Marketing and Communications, and Roberta Richter, Head of Business Services.

Absent: N. Angelos, C. Barry, and A. Mohammad.

Chafee moved and Groark seconded to appoint Stratakos as President Pro Tempore. Upon a voice vote, all Trustees present voted "aye." Motion carried.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS

Catherine Kruse, Head of Marketing and Communications. Jenkins introduced Kruse. Her position, Head of Marketing and Communications, is a newly created position, and she is the newest member of the Management Team. The Trustees welcomed Kruse.

Presentation of Screened Porch Mural by Sonata Kazimieraitiene. Kazimieraitiene presented images of artwork that would be included as a continuation of the mural in the Screened Porch Room. Work would begin about four to six weeks after the proposal's approval, about in November. The Screened Porch Room will be closed for about four to five days during the project.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chafee moved, and Stratakos seconded, that the Board of Trustees approve minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on August 18, 2025. Upon a voice vote, all Trustees present voted "aye." Motion carried.

OPERATING FUND TREASURER'S REPORT AND WARRANT

Stratakos moved, and Groark seconded that the Operating Fund Treasurer's Report for the month ending August 31, 2025, be received and filed for audit, and that Operating Fund Warrant #3 for the month of September 2025 in the amount of \$341,674.22 be approved and authorized for disbursement. Upon a roll call vote, all Trustees present voted "aye." Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jenkins thanked those who attended the 24-Hour Library Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. Jenkins gave a demo of the unit for those in attendance. Horn and Kruse decorated the Library beautifully. Aaron Skog, the Director of SWAN, and Monica Harris, the Director of RAILS, were both in attendance. Also, in attendance at the ceremony were Dawn Nowak, Palos Hills City Clerk, Donna O'Connell 5th Ward Alderwoman, Art Krasowski, 5th Ward Alderman, and Peter Donahue 4th Ward Alderman.

CLOSED SESSION

Stratakos moved, and Chafee seconded to go into Closed Session at 6:22 p.m., pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21): Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06.

Stratakos moved, and Chafee seconded to resume the Regular Meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Stratakos called the meeting to order. Present were I. Chafee, K. Groark, M. Klich, and S. Stratakos.

Also present from staff were Jane Jenkins, Library Director; Sara Horn, Deputy Director, Catherine Kruse, Head of Marketing and Communications, and Roberta Richter, Head of Business Services.

Absent: N. Angelos, C. Barry, and A. Mohammad.

NEW BUSINESS:

ACTION ITEM:

Chafee moved, and Stratakos seconded to approve the 2025/2026 Budget & Appropriations Ordinance #1233 in the amount of \$10,806,722. This Ordinance is approved annually and sets legal spending limits for the Library District. Upon a roll call, all Trustees present voted "aye." Motion carried.

Chafee moved, and Stratakos seconded to approve Resolution #1131 authorizing the Secretary of the Board of Library Trustees to make certain Closed Session meeting minutes available for public inspection. Upon a voice vote, all Trustees present voted "aye." Motion carried.

Klich moved, and Chafee seconded to amend General Policy Manual: Study Room Policy. Changes allow reservations for GHPLD cardholders via our online registration system. Upon a voice vote, all Trustees present voted "aye." Motion carried.

Stratakos moved, and Klich seconded to amend General Policy Manual: Library Cards Policy. Changes eliminate the former online digital card offering, which has been replaced by a full-access option, now available online. Upon a voice vote, all Trustees present voted "aye." Motion carried.

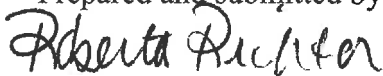
CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence included articles about the 24-Hour Library.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, adjourned the Regular Meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Prepared and submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roberta Richter".

Roberta Richter, Recording Secretary