

TINLEY PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

July 16, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brad Daniels, Treasurer
Leah Herman, Vice-President
Darren Meyers-Remotely by phone
Elizabeth Stern, Secretary
Laura Hess-Wojcik, President

LIBRARY STAFF PRESENT

Zach Musil, Director
Sarah Schroeder, Assistant Director
Jennifer Schulien, Business Office Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Tinley Park Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken.

APPROVAL OF TRUSTEE MEYERS'S REQUEST FOR REMOTE ATTENDANCE

Vice-President Herman motioned to approve Trustee Meyers's request for remote attendance telephonically. Treasurer Daniels seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Brad Daniels, Leah Herman, Darren Meyers, Elizabeth Stern, Laura Hess-Wojcik. Nays: None. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST/AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

Attorney Tom Melody from Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins was in attendance. Two members of the public were in attendance, Chuck Augustyniak and Marsha Blunt.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Treasurer Daniels motioned to approve the agenda of the Special Board of Trustees Meeting. Vice-President Herman seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Brad Daniels, Leah Herman, Elizabeth Stern, Laura Hess-Wojcik. Nays: Darren Meyers. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Hearing to Determine Potential Trustee Vacancy Due to Non-Residency:

Board Hearing to Consider Whether to Declare a Vacancy in the Office of Trustee under 75 ILCS 5/4-4 Based on Allegations that the Trustee has Become a Nonresident of the Village of Tinley Park.

President Hess-Wojcik stated the Board would proceed with this item on the agenda, which is a hearing to determine whether to declare a vacancy in the office of Trustee under 75 ILCS 5/4-4, based on concerns regarding potential non-residency. The purpose of the hearing is to provide the trustee with an opportunity to present any information or evidence regarding this matter before the Board before they consider whether to declare a vacancy. President Hess-Wojcik shared that they want to ensure fairness and give the trustee an opportunity to be heard. The Board has received information suggesting that Trustee Meyers may no longer reside within the Village of Tinley Park. This information has been provided to the Board by an investigator and shared with Trustee Meyers. Trustee Meyers was told he was allowed to make a statement or present evidence, and Board members would have the opportunity to ask questions if they chose. President Hess-Wojcik asked Trustee Meyers if he had anything he wanted to share or present to the Board. Trustee Meyers said no, he did not have anything to share.

The hearing portion of this agenda item was closed.

President Hess-Wojcik proceeded to item 5b on the agenda:

Consideration and Possible Action to Declare a Trustee Vacancy.

Board Discussion and Potential Action to Declare a Vacancy in the Office of Trustee Pursuant to 75 ILCS 5/4-4 if the Board Determines the Trustee has Become a Non-Resident of the Village of Tinley Park.

President Hess-Wojcik asked if there was a motion from the Board. Trustee Meyers asked for a point of order. He asked if the Board wanted to ask him any questions. Attorney Tom Melody stated that no information was given and there was nothing to discuss. President Hess-Wojcik adopted Attorney Melody's statement. President Hess-Wojcik asked the Board members if they had any questions for Trustee Meyers. Secretary Stern and Vice-President Herman both stated they did not have any questions. President Hess-Wojcik asked for a motion. Treasurer Daniels motioned that because Trustee Meyers is not a resident of Tinley Park, a seat is to be declared vacant in the office of Trustee pursuant to 75 ILCS 5/4-4. President Hess-Wojcik asked if there was any discussion. None was made. Secretary Stern seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Brad Daniels, Leah Herman, Elizabeth Stern, Laura Hess-Wojcik. Nays: Darren Meyers. Motion carried.

The Board has declared a vacancy in the office of Trustee, effective immediately. The Board will proceed with the process to fill this vacancy in accordance with the requirements of the Local Library Act.

ADJOURNMENT

Treasurer Daniels motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:38. Vice-President Herman seconded.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Brad Daniels, Leah Herman, Elizabeth Stern, Laura Hess-Wojcik. Nays: None.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

President