

FREEPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
SATURDAY, JANUARY 24TH, 2026 | 12:00PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Freeport Public Library Board of Trustees was held in the Library Meeting Room on Saturday, January 24th, 2026. Board President Mary Kaufman presided and called the meeting to order at 12:04pm.

Notice is hereby given that a majority of a quorum of the members of City Council of the City of Freeport may be present at the above-referenced meeting. No action on the part of the City Council will be taken.

Trustees Present

Al Evon, Alan Greene, Lucas Kramer, Mary Kaufman, Roger Schulz, Michelle Swalve (Virtually)

Trustees Absent

Betty Butler, Tasha Mazique, Julie Reynolds

Also present, Interim Director Amanda Meyers, Library Consultants Alex Todd and Jim Dieters, Library Staff, and Mayor Jodi Miller.

II. CHANGES/CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

(SCHULZ/EVON) Motion to allow Michelle Swalve to participate in this meeting virtually due to her recent spinal surgery.

5 in favor/0 opposed. Roll call vote. Motion carries.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Library consultants Jim Dieters & Alex Todd introduced themselves and welcomed the Board, Mayor Miller, and Library Staff.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)1 The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.

(SCHULZ/EVON) Motion to enter closed session at 12:23pm

6 in favor/0 opposed. Roll call vote. Motion carries.

(GREENE/EVON) Motion to adjourn the executive session and return to open session at 3:39PM.

6 in favor/0 opposed. Roll call vote. Motion carries.

V. ACTION OUTSIDE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

(SCHULZ/EVON) Motion to authorize President Kaufman to negotiate with the successful candidate up to \$85,000 and a \$2,500 moving stipend.

6 in favor/0 opposed. Roll call vote. Motion carries.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

(EVON/KRAMER) Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:34pm.
6 in favor/0 opposed. Roll call vote. Motion carries.

Submitted by Ky Eckert