

## March 23, 2026 EMPL Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

President Van Thompson called the July meeting of the Library Board to order at 3:31pm

**Present:** Van Thompson, James A. Hoffman, Debbie VanderBeke, Pam Muehling, Linda Nelson, Mereleena Olvera, Linda Gates, Evenlyn Stokes

**Absent:** Lynn Colgan

**Also Present:** Bianca Sierra

**Introduction of Visitors:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Consent Agenda ACTION:** Reviewed minutes of February meeting. Reviewed purchase card spending for February. Reviewed bills paid for February. Mereleena made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Linda G seconded. Motion passed.

**Financial Reports from the City of East Moline:** Reviewed February Revenue and Expenditure report and account balance reports.

**Library Report:** The library was awarded a \$2,000 grant from RAILS for a two-part training by Becky Spratford on *Actively Anti-Racist Service to Leisure Readers* and *RA for All*. The training will take place the morning of May 12. This training will be open to local libraries and RAILS libraries. The Director is requesting the library open late on this day so that all library staff can attend. Director shared that 5 juvenile patrons were issued 1 month bans for behavior in the teen vault. Reviewed the information MetroLink provided the board regarding the EV charging stations. Office Specialists has provided a quote for increased cyber security. TriCity has been to the library to review extra security needs and is working on a quote. CertaSite is gathering information on adding a building alarm to the library. The library has received \$5,190 in donations for the library vehicle in the month of March; total funds raised is \$124,155; balance after deposit to Matthew Specialty Vehicles is \$34,490. Battle of the library trivia night will be April 11. Dine to Donate next event is March 31 from 4-8 at Godfathers.

**Committee Reports:** There were no questions regarding the February Building and Policy Committee meetings.

### **Business:**

**Action 1:** Reviewed Gift Ban, Internet and Computer Use, Materials Donation, Meeting Room, and Investment of Private Fund Policies. Van made a motion to approve all policies as is. Debbie seconded. Motion passed.

**Action 2:** The Director requested, on behalf of the strategic planning committee, to extend the current strategic plan through December 31, 2027. This would be an extension of 1 year. This extension will give the strategic planning committee adequate time to gather community feedback regarding the next strategic plan. Pam made a motion to extend the strategic plan. Evenlyn seconded. Motion passed.

**Action 3:** As previously discussed, the Director is requested that the library open at 1pm on May 12 to allow all staff to participate in two training sessions. James A made a motion to approve the late opening. Pam seconded. Motion passed.

**Discussion of Dolly Parton Imagination Library:** Reviewed documents provided by RIPL Director Angela Cambell regarding RI County Libraries sponsorship of this service in the county. The EMPL board is interested in participating and will await further instruction from RIPL.

**Review Updated Illinois Standards for Libraries:** Reviewed Access and Advocacy Standards.

**Presidents Items:** None

Linda Nelson shared that she is available to do a program or program series on fraud.

Meeting adjourned at 5:07