



**Budget & Appropriations Meeting**  
Judith Gamoran Board Room, Main Library  
700 N. North Court, Palatine, IL  
August 19, 2025, 7:00 pm

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**Minutes**

**1. Open the public hearing**

President Brauer called the public hearing to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. Roll call/Trustee Requests to Attend Meeting via Electronic Means**

Upon roll call, Trustees Brauer, DeRosa, Ha, Sherry, True and Westhoff were physically present. Trustee Boland was absent.

**3. Announcement of rules of procedure for public hearings**

President Brauer announced the rules of procedure for public hearings.

**4. Report on the proposed Budget & Appropriations Ordinance 2026-01**

Trustee DeRosa reported that the purpose of the hearing is to allow public comment on the Budget and Appropriations Ordinance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. The budget is \$14,381,000 and the ordinance will approve \$21,572,743.75 as the amount of appropriation. The appropriated amount exceeds the budget as a safety net because the Library can only spend money that has been appropriated. The Budget and Appropriations Ordinance was reviewed by the Finance Committee, presented to the Board, and will be voted on following this meeting.

**5. Public Comment on proposed Budget & Appropriations Ordinance 2026-01**

Palatine resident Zack Kerr asked the Board about funding for IMLS (the Institute of Museum and Library Services) and how the Library will address possible funding cuts. Executive Director Gardner explained that the funds are secure for this fiscal year. Next year we will know if the Library will have to budget for cuts.

**6. Close of the public meeting**

President Brauer adjourned the public hearing at 7:06 pm.

Approved: 9/16/25

D. Braun  
Trustee

Barbara A. Sherry  
Trustee