

**Dolton Public Library**  
**District Board of Library**  
**Trustees Board Meeting**  
**Monday, August 25, 2025/ 6:00 pm.**  
**Minutes**

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**Hearing on Ordinance 2025-08-25**

**August 25, 2025**

**Public Hearing**

**As published in a notice in the July 3, 2025, issues of the Daily South Town, Chicago Tribune, and on the Library's website, a public hearing on the Library's Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held on August 25, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Dolton Public Library.**

**I. Opening of the Hearing**

President Copeland called the Monday FY25-26 Budget Hearing to order at 6:07 pm.

Present [Trustees] Copeland, Sorrell, Stewart, and Gonzalez.

Absent [Trustees] Williams, Fields, and Evans.

Also, present Attorney Miller III, and Interim Director Lillie Byrd.

**II. Discussion related to Ordinance 2025-08-25**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A COMBINED ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING SUCH SUMS OF MONEY AS MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY TO DEFRAY ALL NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF THE DOLTON PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, DOLTON, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026, AND THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH SUCH APPROPRIATIONS ARE MADE, AND THE AMOUNTS APPROPRIATED FOR EACH OBJECT OR PURPOSE**

The board opened the discussion to the public.

**III. Audience Comments**

None

**IV. Closing of the Hearing**

President Copeland called for a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing Meeting. A motion was made by Trustee Gonzalez and seconded by Trustee Sorrell.

Ayes: [Trustees] Copeland, Sorrell, Gonzalez, and Stewart.

Nays: 0

Absent: [Trustees] Williams, Evans, and Fields.

Motion Passed: 4-0

Public Hearing Meeting adjourned at 6:08 pm.

**Dolton Public Library  
District Regular Board  
of Library Trustees  
Board Meeting**

**Monday, August 25, 2025, 7:00  
pm.**

**Minutes**

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I. Call to Order

President Copeland called the regular Monday, August 25, 2025, Board Meeting to order at 7:17 pm.

II. Roll Call

Present: [Trustees] Copeland, Gonzalez, Stewart, Fields, Williams, and Sorrell. Absent: [Trustee] Evans.

Also Present: Attorney Joe Miller III, Lillie Byrd, interim Director.

III. Introduction of Visitors and Public Comments [Visitors should keep their comments to two 2 minutes].

Mr. James Range, Library Maintenance Supervisor

Mr. Range gave an update on the NEW lawn service provider A2Z Lawn.

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes dated July 28, 2025 (Action Item)

A motion was made by Trustee Stewart to approve the July 28, 2025, meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sorrell.

Ayes: [Trustees] Copeland, Fields, Sorrell, Stewart, Gonzalez, and Williams. Nays:0

Absent: [Trustee]

Evans Motion Passed

6:0

V. Communications, Petitions, Resolutions, Ordinances

A. 2025-26 Budget Appropriation Ordinance (Action Item)

A motion was made by Trustee Stewart to approve the FY25-26 Budget Appropriation Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Trustee Fields.

Ayes: [Trustees] Copeland, Williams, Fields, Gonzalez, Stewart, and Sorrell. Nays: 0

Absent: [Trustee]

Evans. Motion

Passed: 6:0

B. Discussion/Approval of Purchase of Time clock (Action Item) – Trustee Stewart.

Trustee Stewart made a motion to purchase a Time clock to make clocking in

and out more accurate and easier. The motion was seconded by Trustee Fields.

Ayes: [Trustees] Copeland, Sorrell, Fields, Copeland, Williams, and Stewart.

Nays: 0

Absent: [Trustee] Evans

Motion Passed: 6:0

C. Discussion/Approval of Posting Grant Writer Job – Trustee Stewart  
(Action  
Item)

A motion was made by Trustee Stewart to approve the posting to hire a

Grant Writer. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gonzalez.

Ayes: [Trustees] Copeland, Stewart, Fields, and Gonzalez.

Nays: [Trustees] Williams and Sorrell.

Absent : [Trustee] Evans

Motion Passed: 4:2

D. Discussion Millennium Solar Electric VS ComEd.

Discussing tabled pending a Special Meeting to make more inquiries.

E. First Annual Flag Football Game: Dolton Park District & Village of Dolton - Trustee Fields.

Trustee presented the Flag Football Game; October 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>.

VI. Approval of Bills and Payroll

A. Approval of Bills and Payroll for July 2025

A motion was made by Trustee Sorrell to approve the Bills and Payroll for July 2025. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gonzalez.

Ayes: [Trustee] Copeland, Gonzalez, Fields, Stewart, Williams, and Sorrell.

Nays: 0

Absent: [Trustee] Evans

Motion Passed: 6:0

VII. Librarians' Report

Mrs. Byrd presented upcoming programs for the month of September and statistics for recent programs. The Trustees will view the report at their leisure.

VIII. Old Business

A. Proposal for the Library Roof Repair – James Range (Action Item)

A motion was made by Trustee Stewart to approve the hiring of Combined Roofing to complete the repairs on the library's roof. The motion was seconded by Trustee Fields.

Ayes: [Trustees] Copeland, Stewart, Fields, Williams, Sorrell, and Gonzalez.

Nays: 0

Absent: [Trustee] Evans  
Motion Passed: 6:0

IX. New Business  
None

President Copeland called for a motion to go into Closed Session  
Trustee Stewart made a motion to go into Closed Session. The motion was  
Seconded by Trustee Fields.

Ayes: [Trustees] Copeland, Gonzalez, Fields, Stewart, Sorrell, Williams.  
Nays: 0  
Absent: [Trustee] Evans  
Motion Passed: 6:0

Closed Session began at 6:33 pm. and ended at 7:10 pm.  
\*NOTE TIME: Closed Session was conducted out of the planned sequence\*  
\*Trustee Williams arrived at 6:53 pm.

X. Executive/Closed Session – The appointment, employment, compensation, Discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or Legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged Against and employee or legal counsel for the District, to determine its validity, Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/02(c)(1), as amended by P.A. 93-0057; and Pending Litigation pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/02(C)(11)

Regular Session reconvened at 7:10 pm.

Roll Call:

Present: [Trustees] Copeland, Sorrell, Fields, Williams, Stewart, and Gonzalez  
Absent: [Trustee] Evans  
Also present: Attorney Joe Miller III and Lillie Byrd, Interim Director

XI. Possible Action after Session  
None

XII. President's Message  
None

XIII. Adjournment

President Copeland called for a motion to adjourn.  
Trustee Stewart made a motion to adjourn the Monday, August 25, 2025, Regular Board Meeting of the Dolton Library Trustees. The motion was seconded by Trustee Fields.

Ayes: [Trustees] Copeland, Sorrell, Fields, Stewart, Williams, and Gonzalez  
Nays: 0  
Absent: [Trustee] Evans  
Motion Passed: 6:0