

LAKE FOREST LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Lake Forest Library, 360 East Deerpath Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045
Kasian Room, Lower Level
Tuesday, February 17, 2026, 6:30 pm

The Lake Forest Library provides members of the public present at the meetings with an opportunity to participate in the meeting. No prior registration is necessary. The meeting agenda and materials are available on the Library website. The meeting's minutes are available on the Library website after they are approved by the Library Board of Trustees. Current and past meeting information, including recordings, is available at: [Board Meetings & Minutes | Lake Forest Library](#)

Agenda

1. Welcome and Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. President's Remarks
4. Trustee Comments
5. Call for Additions to the Agenda
6. Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board
7. Correspondence Report and Patron Comments
8. Consent Agenda (omnibus vote on matters 8(a) - 8(d):
 - a. Approve February 17, 2026 Agenda
 - b. Approve January 20, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
 - c. Approve January 2026 Financial Report
 - d. Approve February 12, 2026 Finance Committee Minutes
9. Building Committee:
 - a. Exterior Courtyards Restoration - Update
 - b. 1931 Historic Rooms Revitalization - Update
 - c. Lake Forest Garden Club Master Landscape Plan Grant – **ACTION**
 - d. City of Lake Forest Central Business District Parking Regulations
 - e. Other Projects
10. Finance Committee: FY2027 Budget Draft 1
11. Fundraising
12. Friends of the Library Funding Request for FY2027 - **ACTION**
13. Library Operations Report – January 2026
14. Unfinished Business
15. New Business
16. Adjournment.

Next Meeting: Regular Board Meeting – Tuesday, March 17, 2026, 6:30 pm.

Special meetings may be called at any time with proper notice pursuant to the Library's bylaws. Individuals with disabilities who require certain accommodations in order to allow them to observe and/or participate in this meeting, or who have questions regarding the accessibility of the meetings or the facilities are requested to contact the Library Director at 847.810.4602 promptly to allow the Library to make reasonable accommodations.

PUBLIC COMMENT AT BOARD MEETINGS POLICY

The Illinois Open Meetings Act provides in Section 2.06 that at meetings of public bodies, "any person shall be permitted an opportunity to address public officials under the rules established and recorded by the public body." 5 ILCS 120/2.06(g).

The Board of Trustees welcomes public participation. This policy provides the following rules and guidelines for public participation at its meetings.

Individuals attending board meetings must conduct themselves with respect and civility toward others. Abusive, profane, threatening, or harassing language and/or personal attacks will not be permitted. The Board President or presiding officer may prohibit further comment at the meeting by a speaker whose remarks violate this rule.

Public comments are permitted during the time designated on the Board of Trustees meeting agenda, unless otherwise directed by the Board President.

The Board President determines the order in which speakers will be recognized.

When recognized by the Board President, the speaker should begin by stating his or her name and address.

Public comments will ordinarily be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. The Board President shall have discretion to modify this time limit, as well as to limit repetitive comments.

Members of the public will not be allowed to speak a second time until all members of the public who wish to speak have been allowed to do so. The Board President will determine whether second public comments will be permitted, and if so, the appropriate amount of time for public discussion, and will end public comment at his/her discretion.

Board members are not obligated to respond to comments from the public. Issues requiring possible action by the board may be added to a future meeting agenda, and issues that can be addressed by library administration will be noted.

A copy of these guidelines will be placed next to the sign-in sheet made available to members of the public at the entrance to board meetings.

Petitions or written correspondence directed to the board shall be presented to the board by the Board President or Secretary at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

Minutes are a summary of the board's discussion and actions. Speaker requests to append written statements or correspondence to the minutes are not favored. Generally, written materials presented to the board will be included in the library's files rather than in the minutes. The Board President shall have the authority to determine procedural matters regarding public participation not otherwise defined in these guidelines. *(Approved by the Library Board of Trustees January 9, 2018.)*