Minutes of the August 27, 2026 Budget & Appropriations Hearing of the Steger-South Chicago Heights Public Library District Board of Trustees

President Stanton called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Present: President Lisa Stanton, Treasurer Janet Fiorenzo, Trustee Ralph Gazzillo, Trustee Shelbi Andrade
Absent: Vice-President Tashara Rule, Secretary Andrea Holecek-Sherman, Trustee Sandra Joyce
Also Present: Jessica Rodrigues, Library Director

There were no public comments.

Trustees reviewed Ordinance No. 26-04: Ordinance Providing for Budget and Appropriation of the Steger-South Chicago Heights Public Library District, Will and Cook Counties, for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2026 and Ending June 30, 2027.

President Stanton adjourned the meeting at 7:10pm.

Minutes of the August 27, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Steger-South Chicago Heights Public Library District Board of Trustees

President Stanton called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

Present: President Lisa Stanton, Treasurer Janet Fiorenzo, Trustee Ralph Gazzillo, Trustee Shelbi Andrade
Absent: Vice-President Tashara Rule, Secretary Andrea Holecek-Sherman, Trustee Sandra Joyce
Also Present: Jessica Rodrigues, Library Director, Dan Eallonardo of ICS

There were no public comments or correspondence.

Dan Eallonardo of Independent Construction Services discussed the progress of the EIFS project.

- It will be approximately 4-6 weeks before materials arrive.
- There are potential change orders to increase the scope of the work based on new discoveries. Based on a consensus from the board, he will pursue final costs for these figures and will present them at the next meeting for a vote.
    - $5,280.00 in escalation costs for the panels due to an error in the architectural drawings. The Board asked Mr. Eallonardo to speak to Williams Associates Architects and Algat to see if this number can be reduced.
    - $13,800 to correct pitching on the roof

- $7,200 to correct parapet detail
- Approximately $4,000 to replace Door #5

Mr. Eallonardo left the meeting at 7:37pm.

Trustees reviewed the minutes of the July 2026 Regular Meeting and the April 2026 Closed Session. Trustee Andrade made a motion to accept both, seconded by Trustee Gazzillo. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Trustees reviewed the June 2026 and July 2026 Financial Reports. Treasurer Fiorenzo made a motion to accept, seconded by Trustee Andrade. The motion carried on a roll call vote: 4 yes, 0 no.

Director Rodrigues discussed routine building maintenance that occurred during the month and repairs from the damage of two severe storms. She discussed difficulty getting a credit from Comcast for the almost two weeks the library did not have service and was advised by the trustees to continue pursuing it.

She invited trustees to begin planning ways they can contribute to a special program planned for November 14th to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the library. Past and present trustees, employees, and patrons are invited to contribute photos, stories, and memorabilia to display during the program.

President Stanton asked that the library consider a Trunk or Treat program for the fall.

Treasurer Fiorenzo made a motion to approve the payment of $53,887.50 to Algat Enterprises for work on the EIFS project, reflecting approximately 23% of the work being completed. The motion was seconded by Trustee Andrade. The motion carried on a roll call vote: 4 yes, 0 no.

Trustees reviewed Ordinance No. 26-04: Ordinance Providing for Budget and Appropriation of the Steger-South Chicago Heights Public Library District, Will and Cook Counties, for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2026 and Ending June 30, 2027. Treasurer Fiorenzo made a motion to pass the ordinance, seconded by Trustee Gazzillo. The motion carried on a roll call vote: 4 yes, 0 no.

Trustees reviewed Ordinance No. 26-07: Steger South Chicago Heights Public Library District of Cook and Will Counties, Illinois Estimate of Revenues for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2026 and Ending June 30, 2027. Treasurer Fiorenzo made a motion to pass the ordinance, seconded by Trustee Andrade. The motion carried on a roll call vote: 4 yes, 0 no.

Trustees reviewed Ordinance No. 26-08: Treasurer's Report for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2025 and Ending June 2026. Treasurer Fiorenzo made a motion to pass the ordinance, seconded by Trustee Gazzillo. The motion carried on a roll call vote: 4 yes, 0 no.

Trustees reviewed the Illinois Public Library Standard: Information Services and found that the library was meeting all core requirements.

Trustees reviewed a proposed amendment to the Circulation Policy: Borrowing Privileges that would allow for a procedure for issuing one-year library cards to teachers currently teaching at a school within the boundaries of the Steger-South Chicago Heights Library District. Treasurer Fiorenzo made a motion to adopt the changes, seconded by Trustee Andrade. The motion carried on a voice vote.

President Stanton adjourned the meeting at 8:04pm.