



ILLINOIS LITERACY FOUNDATION

Illinois Literacy Foundation
Board of Directors Meeting
March 10, 2026
12:30 p.m.
Offices of the Secretary of State
115 South LaSalle Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room (Crete)
Chicago, Illinois 60603

MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT

Heather Anichini
Christina de Jong (virtual)
Claire Demirjian (virtual)

Hanah Jubeh (virtual)
Mo Khan
Michael Mroz

Nate Pietrini
John Rosales

ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE STAFF PRESENT

Cabell King
Greg McCormick (virtual)

Ted Przybylo (virtual)
Amy Williams (virtual)

GUESTS PRESENT - none

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mo Khan called the meeting to order at 12:39pm

MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

Mr. Rosales moved that the minutes of June 10, September 9, and December 16, 2025, be approved and voted into the record without amendment. Dr. Anichini seconded. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dr. Pietrini moved that the report, shared by Dr. Anichini, be approved. Mr. Mroz seconded. The motion passed.

PROGRAM UPDATES

- ILF Communications
 - Mr. King updated that LinkedIn and Facebook pages have been created.
 - Mr. King informed the board that ILF is working on a newsletter through Mailchimp. There are security questions about this so we might move forward with an email newsletter through Outlook.



- Tutor Recruitment Campaign
 - Mr. King provided updates about the result of the Tutor Recruitment Campaign. No inquiries in Northern IL. Two Inquiries in Central IL.
 - There was discussion between Mr. Mroz, Mr. Rosales and Ms. de Jong about what our demographic is for Tutors and how do we target them with physical advertisements or social advertising.
- Read Across America Day (March)
 - Mr. King updated the members about Read Across America Day with YMCA of Metro Chicago and Secretary of State. Around 2,200 books were donated to children. Mr. Khan spoke at the event. Mr. King brought the thought of how we use this event to make it more than just book donation. Ms. Jubeh spoke about getting testimonials about children receiving books to the Metro Chicago area.
- ICCB, the State Library, and high school equivalency
 - Mr. King updated the members on HSE in Public Libraries. ISL and ICCB meetings to discuss how to use this network of libraries to help facilitate GED testing. Also how to train staff to facilitate AMOC program. Next meeting is scheduled March 17th. Also brought up online high school is the most extensive of these three options and has been taking a little bit of a back seat due to fundraising constraints.
 - Mr. McCormick discussed how the public library has agreed to issue a statewide map on where individuals can go to receive tutoring, GED testing and AMOC programs.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Board Development
 - Mr. King brought up that Mr. Pietrini and Mr. Rosales term ending in June but would like to reup into a new term.
 - Mr. King and Mr. Khan brought up the potential board member Ms. Danzer. Members agreed that we can move forward with bringing her onto the board.

NEW BUSINESS

- IDOC, the State Library, and Women's Reentry
 - Mr. King brought to the members the opportunity of the First Lady's office to get involved with incarcerated women's reentry. There are around 50 women. Currently every resident of an IDOC facility has to take the TABE literacy exam, if scored less than 6th grade level then individuals must take literacy classes.
- National Literacy Month (September 2026)
- Events
 - Printers Row Lit Fest (September 12-13)
 - Chicago Stars (September 20)
 - 2026 Board Meetings (June 9, September 8, December 8)

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Khan adjourned the meeting at 1:52 p.m.