CRANSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

October 28th, 2026 – 4:30pm

Cranston Public Library, C-Lab

Present were:

Michael Goldberg
R. Drayton Fair
Lisa Kirshenbaum
Taino Palermo
Diane Schaefer
Regina Spirito

Ed Garcia (Library Director)
Julie Holden (Assistant Library Director)
Allyson Van Wyk (Secretary to the Board)

Excused: *Kate Felder*

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INTRODUCTION:

The special meeting of the Cranston Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order on Wednesday, October 28, 2026 at 4:34pm at the Cranston Public Library, C-Lab.

NEW BUSINESS

SNOWPLOWING, SHOVELING, SANDING AND SALTING AT CRANSTON LIBRARIES FOR THE 2026-2027 AND 2027-2028 SEASONS – Review and awarding of bids (*vote may be taken*)

Director Garcia distributed the three bids received for this contract, as well as a cost analysis sheet completed by Michael Goldberg to the Board.

Maplewood Landscaping submitted the lowest, and also manages the landscaping for the rest of the year at all Cranston Public Library locations except for the William Hall Library. The initial bid submitted was missing their proof of insurance, equipment list, and any full-season pricing, but were submitted upon further request. It was noted that the bid the cost of snow shoveling of walks is included in the cost of plowing. This bid does not quote a cost for snow shoveling under 2", however the library staff already handles this as the City has not provided this service in the past.

The middle bid was Salo Construction Co. Inc.; however, their bid did not give full-season pricing or insurance. The City Purchasing Agent requested these documents additionally, but did not receive them by the date of this meeting.

The highest bid was Denali Corp./Calderone. This bid would only be the most cost-effective with the full-season pricing, with 5+ storms of 12+ inches in the coming winter season.

Discussion of the quality of service currently received from Maplewood Landscaping Inc. was positive. They are also a Cranston-based company.

The Trustees decided that a per storm pricing plan was the preferred option.

A motion was made by to accept Maplewood Landscaping Inc. as the lowest bid by Drayton Fair. Diane Schaefer seconded. Motion carried (6-0).

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by to adjourn the special meeting of October 28, 2026 at 4:45pm by Regina Spirito. Taino Palermo seconded. Motion carried (6-0).

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