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NOTICE

NOTICE OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LYONS TOWNSHIP SCHOOL TREASURER'S OFFICE

January 12, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

The Board of Township Trustees of Schools, Range 38 North, Range 12 East, Illinois (Lyons Township) has called a meeting on January 12, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., at the Lyons Township School Treasurer's Office, 6438 Joliet Road, Unit 103, Countryside, IL 60525.

AGENDA

Call to Order & Roll Call

President Pro Tem McGowan called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

	<u>In Attendance</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ms. Shakana L. Kirksey		X
Ms. Carol A. McGowan	X	
Mr. William G. Channell	X	
Dr. David Negron		X
Mr. Joseph M. Bonomo	X	
Mr. Ryan M. Leonard	X	
Dr. Joseph R. Rojek II	X	

Staff Members Present

Mr. James T. Fitton, Treasurer
Ms. Mihaela Miller, Board Secretary

Other Guests Present

Ms. Makiz Salehzai, Attorney for Del Galdo Group
Dr. Ellie Ambuehl, Executive Director for LADSE

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments

Nomination & Election of President Pro-Tem

Trustee Rojek motioned to appoint Trustee McGowan as President Pro-Tem for this meeting. Trustee Channell seconded the motion. Trustee McGowan accepted the nomination.

Roll Call: Ayes: McGowan, Channell, Bonomo, Leonard, Rojek
 Nays: None
 Absent: Kirksey, Negron
 Abstain: None

Motion carried.

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Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes November 17, 2025 Open Session

Trustee Channell motioned to approve the November 17, 2025, Open Session meeting minutes.

Trustee Leonard seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: McGowan, Channell, Bonomo, Leonard, Rojek

Nays: None

Absent: Kirksey, Negron

Abstain: None

Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Fitton informed the Board that our **CPA Consultant** will be departing after June 2026. She has offered to provide training for Mr. Fitton and Ms. Miller, which commenced today, January 12th.

The **FY25 Audit** is expected to be ready for presentation within two weeks. Typically, the auditors present to the Board; therefore, a special meeting was agreed to be scheduled for January 26th. However, this has since been rescheduled to January 28, 2026, to accommodate the presentation.

Ms. Makiz Salehzai from Del Galdo Group provided an update on the two recent **FOIA requests**.

Regarding **Cook County Property Taxes**, we received two property tax deposits in late December, totaling approximately 40% of the Tax Year 2024 extension. The property tax system is still experiencing malfunctions; the receipt of the funds was a temporary workaround implemented due to ongoing system issues.

Review and Approval of Payables List

Trustee Rojek motioned to ratify January 7, 2026, payable in the amount of \$91,210.38.

Trustee Channell seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: McGowan, Channell, Bonomo, Leonard, Rojek

Nays: None

Absent: Kirksey, Negron

Abstain: None

Motion carried.

Review of the Lyons Township Treasurer's Financial Reports

Treasurer Fitton presented the December 2025 Operating Statement, noting that expenses are tracking better than budget. There were no questions.

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New Business

Treasurer Fitton then reviewed the Draft of FY25 Pro-Rata Billing, reminding the board that all 13 districts will be charged for TTO costs that were incurred in FY25. Once all districts AFRs are ready, the invoices will be sent out. Treasurer Fitton mentioned that in the future the TTO may send out quarterly estimated invoices that can be paid immediately or on the current schedule. The billing can be tried up annually, once all the audit reports are available. The board noted that total TTO costs to be distributed decreased more than 3% from FY24.

The FY25 Quarter 5 and the initial FY26 Interest Distribution draft reports were distributed during the meeting. Treasurer Fitton pointed out that the total interest/investment income for FY25 is \$10.3 million while the previous year it was \$9.5 million. He also mentioned that as of July 1st when half the member districts left, only about 40% of the fund balance left with them. Trustee Rojek asked if there were any penalties incurred for needing to pull money from longer term investments before their maturity date- Treasurer Fitton replied that there were no penalties per se, but the lower balances did reduce the rates for earned interest. Trustee Rojek commented that despite losing 5 out of the 6 employees since June the operation of the TTO has been very smooth.

Adjournment

Trustee Channell motioned to adjourn the January 12, 2026, Open Session Board Meeting
Trustee Leonard seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: McGowan, Channell, Bonomo, Leonard, Rojek

Nays: None

Absent: Kirksey, Negron

Abstain: None

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23pm

Minutes Authenticated by:

Carol A. McGowan

President ~~Shakana L. Kirksey~~

CAROL A. MCGOWAN

Mihaela Miller

Secretary Mihaela Miller

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