

**Algonquin Area Public Library District Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**2600 Harnish Drive, Algonquin, Illinois**  
**April 23, 2025**  
**7:00 pm**

The Board of Trustees of the Algonquin Area Public Library District met on Wednesday April 23, 2025 at 7:00 pm. The meeting was held at the Main Library located at 2600 Harnish Drive, Algonquin, Illinois.

All packet documents were made available on or before the day of the meeting and an agenda was posted online and in both libraries forty-eight hours prior to the meeting.

**Call to Order**

President Taylor called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

**Roll Call**

In attendance: Trustee Becker, Trustee Johnson, Vice President Medrano-Sanchez, Treasurer Pelke, Secretary Sharkey, and President Taylor

Absent: Trustee Kennealy

Staff present: Executive Director Murray, Assistant Director-Public Services Alicia Parmele, Assistant Director-Operations Husak, Managers Erin Maiero, Sam Chiappone, Henry Sadowski, Anne Kunzen, Hannah Sloan, and Coordinator Doug Cataldo

**Audience to Visitors**

Serena Jamison and Eleanor Mamayek were in attendance.

**Report from Friends of the Algonquin Area Public Library**

Eleanor shared some updates from the three Friends Book Donation Days. 3200 items were collected. Eleanor is the Chairperson for Sorting Room and has 6 of the 8 new Friends members interested in assisting with sorting and book sales. A Chairperson has been assigned to Membership and she is doing very well.

**Consent Agenda**

- a) Approval of the March 19, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes
- b) Approval of March 2025 Financial Statements

There were no comments or questions. Treasurer Pelke moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, and Trustee Johnson seconded. The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

**Approval of April 2025 Disbursements**

There was a comment about the Eastgate Branch dedication plaque but no other questions. Treasurer Pelke moved to approve the April 2025 disbursements and Trustee Johnson seconded. The motion passed with a roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: Becker, Johnson, Medrano-Sanchez, Pelke, Sharkey, Taylor

Nays: None

Absent: Kennealy

Abstain: None

**Renewal of AAPLD-D300 IGA for Fiber Connection**

Executive Director Murray explained the reason for the shorter one-year IGA extension instead of the previous three-year terms. Legislation is under review for free internet to schools and libraries, which may impact this agreement if passed. Trustee Becker inquired about the schools outside of D300 that the Library serves.

Executive Director Murray confirmed the majority of our patrons are served by D300. Trustee Becker moved to approve the AAPLD-D300 IGA for Fiber Connection and Trustee Johnson seconded. The motion passed with a roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: Becker, Johnson, Medrano-Sanchez, Pelke, Sharkey, Taylor

Nays: None  
Absent: Kennealy  
Abstain: None

### **Approval of LIMRiCC IGA Updates for Unemployment Insurance**

Executive Director Murray noted that this updated IGA was presented with short notice and will be presented again in May for a ratification of the vote. President Taylor explained that changes to the current IGA do not affect the Unemployment Insurance portion that the Library participates in. Treasurer Pelke inquired about how often the Library has unemployment insurance claims, and Executive Director Murray replied that it is not often. Treasurer Pelke moved to approve the LIMRiCC IGA Update and Trustee Johnson seconded. The motion passed with a roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: Becker, Johnson, Medrano-Sanchez, Pelke, Sharkey, Taylor  
Nays: None  
Absent: Kennealy  
Abstain: None

### **Approval of Policy 2040: Wage Scale**

Treasurer Pelke requested a change to the structure of the Section II, splitting the information into two paragraphs. Vice President Medrano-Sanchez clarified that versions 4b and 4c were reviewed at the Budget & Personnel Committee Meeting. She asked if other versions existed, and Executive Director Murray explained that there were other drafts, but they were not presented to the Committee for consideration. With the initial motion presented by the Committee, Secretary Sharkey seconded. The motion passed with a roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: Becker, Johnson, Medrano-Sanchez, Pelke, Sharkey, Taylor  
Nays: None  
Absent: Kennealy  
Abstain: None

### **Committee Reports**

**Budget and Personnel Committee:** The committee will meet again in May or June to discuss the upcoming FY26 Operating Budget and Tentative B&A Ordinance.

**Policy Committee:** There will be a meeting coming up in July to review policies.

**Facilities Committee:** Trustee Johnson inquired about the punch-list completion for the Eastgate Renovation project and discussed the possibility of meeting again to discuss the boiler replacement plan for the Harnish Main Library.

### **Staff Reports**

Executive Director Murray explained that the Harnish Main Library boilers are at end of life. There are three options going forward: replace the stepper board in the non-functioning boiler and hope to extend its life (cost estimate: \$11,400), replace both boilers (cost estimate: \$250,000), or consider installing a geothermal system (cost estimate: \$2,000,000) that would eliminate the boilers and the chillers. The chillers are about seven years old and have an estimated 15-20 more years of their expected life. At this time, it makes the most financial and practical sense to replace the boilers and consider other options when the chillers reach the end of their functional life. SMC is preparing a project management proposal for the Board's review and will also prepare documents to go out to bid for the boilers if that is the Board's direction. The project would be budgeted for the upcoming FY26 budget. Trustee Johnson inquired about the balance of special reserves and Executive Director Murray shared the approximate balance is over \$800,000, with the expectation that more will be moved this fiscal year. New Manager Boot Camp Training, which was attended by two staff members, was discussed.

### **Trustee Reports**

**Trustee Johnson** reported that Comic Book Day is the first Saturday in May, and our collaboration with the local comic book store is great. He enjoyed the windows decorated by the Dundee-Crown HS students for Earth Day at

Eastgate. He asked if there were any updates to the status of ILMS. He was delighted to see our ad in the upcoming local guide.

**Treasurer Pelke** had nothing to report.

**Trustee Becker** shared his review of the book *Swimming Against the Current*. It took 3 months to receive *Swimming Against the Current* through ILL. He also read a book *Signal Corps*. He asked about HB1064, legislation for public libraries to levy for funds to support library staff providing mental health assistance. Executive Director Murray is aware of the legislation and it has been discussed in library circles.

**Secretary Sharkey** shared many thank yous, to the Friends, Dana and Amy from the Makerspace, Erin, and the availability of the AARP Tax Prep program. Welcome to Bonnie, congratulations to Laura on her promotion, and congratulations to *Dogman* for winning the Battle of the Books competition.

**Vice President Medrano-Sanchez** had nothing to report.

**President Taylor** reported on the completed Eastgate Branch dedication plaque and that it looks nice. She participated in a multi-library sponsored bird event at MCC and was very proud of AAPLD's involvement. She looks forward to more multi-library sponsored programs.

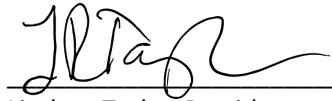
### Correspondence

The suggestion box questions and responses were reviewed. Treasurer Pelke asked how responses are handled. Currently many questions are anonymous, but we hope to have a board to post the suggestions and responses in the future.

### Adjournment

President Taylor adjourned the meeting by declaration at 7:44 pm.

APPROVED:

  
Lindsay Taylor, President

ATTEST:

  
Tracy Sharkey, Secretary