

**Algonquin Area Public Library District Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**2600 Harnish Drive, Algonquin, Illinois**  
**February 25, 2026**  
**7:00 pm**

The Board of Trustees of the Algonquin Area Public Library District met on Wednesday February 25, 2026 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 Jamison, Vice President Johnson, Trustee Medrano-Sanchez, Secretary Sharkey, and President Taylor

Absent: Trustee Becker and Treasurer Pelke

Staff present: Executive Director Murray, Assistant Director-Operations Husak, Managers Erin Maiero, Henry Sadowski, Anne Kunzen, Sam Chiappone, and Rebecca Lipinski and Coordinator Doug Cataldo

**Audience to Visitors**

No visitors were present.

**Consent Agenda**

- a) Approval of the January 28, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes
- b) Approval of January 2026 Financial Statements

Vice President Johnson moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and Trustee Jamison seconded. The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

**Approval of February 2026 Disbursements**

Vice President Johnson moved to approve the February 2026 Disbursements in the amount of \$201,032.63 as presented and Trustee Jamison seconded. The motion passed with a roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: Jamison, Johnson, Medrano-Sanchez, Sharkey, Taylor

Nays: None

Absent: Becker, Pelke

Abstain: None

**Approval of Staff Travel, Meals, and Lodging**

Four staff members are attending the Public Library Association Conference in Minneapolis from March 31-April 3. The IRS lodging rate is \$148/night and the conference hotel rate is \$209/night. Vice President Johnson moved to approve the staff travel reimbursements for PLA lodging at a rate of \$209.00 per night for Sara Murray, Belinda Husak, Anne Kunzen, and Kimberly Damitz, and Trustee Jamison seconded. The motion passed with a roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: Jamison, Johnson, Medrano-Sanchez, Sharkey, Taylor

Nays: None

Absent: Becker, Pelke

Abstain: None

**Mid-Year Financial Review**

Executive Director Murray reviewed the mid-year financial report. We have received 99.44% of the tax revenue expected, which is slightly lower than the typical 99.8%, but we expect to receive some additional personal

property replacement tax before the end of the fiscal year. The library is trending higher for interest income due to the banking switch. Expenses are 50.32% spent for all categories, slightly over 50% for two reasons: some expenses are higher this year and there was an effort to tighten the budget and reduce the cushion a bit more this year. There are no budget concerns at this time for revenues or expenses.

### Committee Reports

- **Facilities Committee:** Chairperson Johnson is looking forward working on the landscaping project.
- **Budget and Personnel Committee:** The Committee will meet in Spring to discuss the FY27 budget.
- **Policy Committee:** The Committee may meet in July depending on need for policy review.

### Staff Report

Executive Director Murray reviewed the report format after last month's discussion. Trustee Jamison appreciated cooperation from all staff following the great pipe burst, including the before and after photos of DVDs. Vice President Johnson enjoyed the social media video collaboration with the Fox River Valley Library. Secretary Sharkey was pleased to read that everyone who displayed a tree in the annual Merry & Bright Tree Trim received a custom ornament. She had the opportunity to experience the meeting owl device in person and this tech did deliver on its promises. She also noted the successful puzzle exchange attendance total of over 100 people, and Vice President Johnson commented that it was a great idea.

Executive Director Murray shared an update on criminal theft. She is working closely with the local Algonquin police department on two cases, including one with over \$2000 in stolen video games. We received a FOIA request from an organization that has sometimes followed their request with a lawsuit. Several staff attended a webinar regarding ICE in libraries, and we confirmed that the information we have shared with staff is still accurate. Library workers nationwide continue to share concern about staff and patron safety and security should ICE visit the library. Libraries that serve more than 50,000 people are required to be in compliance with new website accessibility standards in April 2026. We will monitor their actions so we can be prepared for when the same standards become applicable to us in April 2027. We are already working on website updates to ensure timely compliance.

### Trustee Reports

- **Secretary Sharkey:** Suggested a Heated Rivalry program
- **Trustee Jamison:** Nothing to report
- **Trustee Medrano-Sanchez:** Had a question regarding the special reserve revenue/expenditures, which was explained by Executive Director Murray, and a question about expenses for the pipe issue
- **Vice President Johnson:** Will continue to highlight digital library pricing advocacy; read a book with his grandchildren (*This Book Has No Pictures*) that was marvelous and fantastic
- **President Taylor:** Enjoyed the staff reports; the Makerspace was helpful customizing a gift and she is grateful to have these resources


### Correspondence

The FOIA from Judiciocracy was shared with our response, which was written in collaboration with our attorney. Suggestion box correspondence was also included.

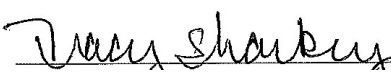
### Adjournment

President Taylor adjourned the meeting at 7:48 pm.

APPROVED:

  
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Lindsay Taylor, President

ATTEST:

  
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Tracy Sharkey, Secretary