

Algonquin Area Public Library District Board of Trustees Meeting
2600 Harnish Drive, Algonquin, Illinois
March 18, 2026
7:00 pm

The Board of Trustees of the Algonquin Area Public Library District met on Wednesday March 18, 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 Becker, Trustee Jamison, Vice President Johnson, Trustee-Medrano-Sanchez, Treasurer Pelke, Secretary Sharkey, and President Taylor

Staff present: Executive Director Murray, Assistant Director-Operations Husak, Managers Erin Maiero, Henry Sadowski, and Rebecca Lapinski and Coordinator Doug Cataldo.

Audience to Visitors

There were no visitors in attendance.

Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of the February 25, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes
- b) Approval of February 2026 Financial Statements

There was no discussion. Treasurer Pelke made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented and Vice President Johnson seconded. The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

Approval of March 2026 Disbursements

Treasurer Pelke made a motion to approve the March 2026 disbursements in the amount of \$100,265.04 and Vice President Johnson seconded. The motion passed with a roll call vote as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Proclamation for National Library Week – April 19-25, 2026

President Taylor recited the annual National Library Week proclamation, which incorporated clauses beginning with F-I-N-D-J-O-Y in the Library's logo colors to highlight the theme of the week. Trustee Becker made a motion to approve the Proclamation for National Library Week and Vice President Johnson seconded. The motion passed with a roll call vote as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Committee Reports

Facilities Committee: The committee is planning to meet in April to review the landscaping plans from Indigo Ecological Design and to walk the Harnish Main Library property.

Budget and Personnel Committee: The committee will meet in May or June to discuss the FY27 Operating Budget and Tentative Budget & Appropriations Ordinance.

Policy Committee: The committee may meet in July to discuss policies depending on need.

Staff Reports

Executive Director Murray highlighted information she provided to the Village of Algonquin for their review of impact and development fees. She reported on the termination of snow removal service and a credit that will be given for work not completed, and noted that the Algonquin Public Works is on call for additional snow removal needs this season. She also shared some documentation and an explanation of her involvement in the advocacy for HB5236: Digital Library Protection Act, which, if passed into law, would allow libraries to fairly negotiate contracts for digital materials. Indigo Ecological Design provided a plan for the first phase of work on the grounds, which was reviewed with the Board. The plan also included an updated pricing sheet for each phase. The next steps will be for a property walk-through for the Facilities Committee to finalize the plan.

Trustee Reports


- **Vice President Johnson** asked for an update on the thefts. Executive Director Murray provided an update on the warrants issued to date. He is looking forward to the LACONI Trustee Event on April 17th.
- **Treasurer Pelke** had nothing to report.
- **Trustee Medrano-Sanchez** had nothing to report.
- **Trustee Becker** suggested two titles: “The Enemy of All Mankind” and “The War for Middle Earth”. He appreciated that Charlie Kirk books were added to the library's collection.
- **Trustee Jamison** attended the MCC Presentation of *The Librarians*. She enjoyed the panel discussion that was held after the movie.
- **Secretary Sharkey** is bringing hoopla along on her trip downstate.
- **President Taylor** inquired about an update on the youth services brackets as her son is invested in the outcome. She is also looking forward to the LACONI event next month.

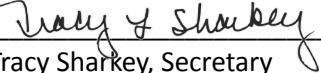
Correspondence

A thank you card for the Valentines for Healthcare workers program was received from Representative Ness’s office. We received a letter from a library user who discovered the seed library shared the positive impact it has had on her family and neighbors.

Adjournment

President Taylor adjourned the meeting at 8:19 pm.

APPROVED: 
Lindsay Taylor, President

ATTEST: 
Tracy Sharkey, Secretary