

Algonquin Area Public Library District Board of Trustees Meeting
2600 Harnish Drive, Algonquin, Illinois
April 22, 2026
7:00 pm

The Board of Trustees of the Algonquin Area Public Library District met on Wednesday April 22, 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 7:00 pm.

Roll Call

In attendance: Trustee Becker, Trustee Jamison, Vice President Johnson, Trustee Medrano-Sanchez (7:01), 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

No visitors.

Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of the March 18, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes
- b) Approval of March 2026 Financial Statements

There was no discussion. Trustee Becker moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and Treasurer Pelke seconded. The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

Approval of April 2026 Disbursements in the amount of \$175,102.25

There were two questions about the Daily Herald credit and the cost for the fish tank maintenance. Treasurer Pelke moved to approve the April 2026 disbursements in the amount of \$175,102.25 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

Renewal of AAPLD-D300 IGA for Fiber Connection

Trustee Becker noticed a signature on the incorrect line; this will be corrected before it is sent to D300. There was some discussion about approving this IGA before D300 approves it. The trustees suggested approving it now and letting D300 counter-approve. Trustee Becker moved to approve the AAPLD-D300 IGA for Fiber Connection for 3 year extension and Vice President Johnson seconded. The motion passed with a roll call vote as follows:

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

Harnish Main Library Landscaping Renovation

- a) **Approval of Landscape Concept and Design**

There was some discussion about the concept and design. This version is only slightly changed from the 90% plan by adding some tree notations. We will not install a sprinkler system. Vice President Johnson noted that the

scope and necessity of the project are clearer and the cost feels more justified. While the motion to approve the concept and design as presented initially came from the Facilities Committee meeting on April 6, 2026, Secretary Sharkey moved to approve the Landscape Concept and Design as presented 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

b) Approval of Proposal for Additional Services

a. Task 3 Graphics/Renderings

b. Task 4 Bidding Services

c. Task 5 Construction Observation

There was some discussion about the hourly rate and necessity of the construction observation. Executive Director Murray noted that the Board could opt in to this service at a future date if it was determined to be necessary. Vice President Johnson moved to approve Tasks 3 and 4 and Trustee Becker 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

Budget and Personnel Committee: The Committee will meet May 21 at 6 pm to discuss the upcoming FY27 Operating and Budget and B&A Ordinance.

Policy Committee: The Committee will meet in July to review at least 4 policies.

Facilities Committee: Trustee Becker asked for an update on the parking lot hole; it has been cut, a ring has been added, and it is awaiting concrete.

Staff Reports

Executive Director Murray discussed the Strategic Plan Workshop that managers and coordinators participated in here at Harnish on the day we delayed opening due to weather. HB5236 passed 99-0 in the House and is headed to the Senate. The PLA conference was in early April and recaps will be provided in the next Board Report. A reminder was given to Trustees to complete the Statement of Economic Interest by the deadline, or fees may be assessed.

Trustee Reports

Vice President Johnson reported the LACONi Trustee Dinner was very good and the panel made some helpful suggestions. The strategic planning document is a living document and pivoting may be necessary. He also shared his upcoming retirement date is set for May 15.

Treasurer Pelke appreciated the energy update and that the savings from the geothermal system at Eastgate are being realized. Photos from the camera club were on display last month here at Harnish.

Trustee Medrano-Sanchez has been busy and her mom is in hospice. She is glad the trustees had the opportunity to attend the LACONi dinner.

Trustee Becker shared two book titles he picked up at Eastgate with the group: "The Lie You Don't Know You Believe" and "The Bookseller of Florence" were both good.

Trustee Jamison had nothing to report.

Secretary Sharkey shared her main takeaways from the LACONi dinner: a strategic plan is meant to be a guide and the broader the better, it should not to be used as an evaluation tool, and it is more of a living document that can be used to drive meetings. Some of the benefit is in the process of creating the plan.


President Taylor spoke about the dinner as well. She heard that the plan should boil down to a one page summary. She reminded trustees to file their Statement of Economic Interest.

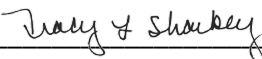
Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Adjournment

President Taylor adjourned the meeting at 7:51 pm.

APPROVED: 
Lindsay Taylor, President

ATTEST: 
Tracy Sharkey, Secretary