

Algonquin Area Public Library District Board of Trustees Meeting
2600 Harnish Drive, Algonquin, Illinois
May 27, 2026
7:00 pm

The Board of Trustees of the Algonquin Area Public Library District met on Wednesday, May 27, 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 7:02 pm.

Roll Call

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

Absent: None

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

Audience to Visitors/Public Comment

Aaron Gerhardt, Kristen Kranczyk, Branden Bielak, Ashley Brickwood, Brandon Zimmerman, and Niko Kuzma from the Animangiacs group. Aaron Gerhardt addressed the Board for the allotted time of 3 minutes regarding the Animangiacs group.

Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of the April 22, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes
- b) Approval of April 2026 Financial Statements
- c) Approval of the FY26-27 Regular Board Meeting Calendar

Treasurer Pelke asked for clarification on the Navitas invoice and Trustee Medrano-Sanchez asked for clarification on the Ingram invoice. There was some discussion about FY27 meeting dates and a suggestion for a change from July 22 to 29, 2026. Treasurer Pelke moved to approve the consent agenda with a date change on the FY26-27 Regular Board Meeting Calendar and Trustee Johnson seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Approval of May 2026 Disbursements

Treasurer Pelke moved to approve the April 2026 disbursements in the amount of \$248,894.94 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

Adoption of Ordinance No. 2025-2026-105, An Ordinance Adopting a Policy for Nonresident Cards

This is an annual ordinance that is brought to the Board. There are no non-resident households that are eligible for a card at AAPLD due to proximity to other libraries. Treasurer Pelke asked how much a card would cost for a patron and Executive Director Murray explained the different calculation options. Trustee Medrano-Sanchez asked about the Business Library Card. Trustee Becker moved to approve Ordinance No. 2025-2026-105, an ordinance adopting a policy for nonresident cards and Treasurer Pelke 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 met May 21 at 6 pm to discuss the early draft versions of the upcoming FY27 Operating Budget.

Policy Committee: The committee expects to meet in July or August to discuss policies up for review. Timing will be determined by the availability of Chairperson Medrano-Sanchez.

Facilities Committee: Chairperson Johnson really liked the renderings from Indigo and anticipates another meeting coming up to review the landscape project proposals.

Staff Reports

- Four staff members attended the PLA conference in Minneapolis in April; reports are included in the board packet.
- Bibliocore, our new patron catalog/discovery layer, is preparing to launch this summer. Treasurer Pelke asked about any recent issues due to patron comments he received about the catalog not working. Trustee Becker is happy to hear a change is coming and it is very timely.
- A reconsideration request was received and the process is underway.
- The Trustees discussed the Animangiaks group and the differences between programs and individuals using library spaces for a fee.
- Trustee Jamison asked about the trip to ELA Library's Makerspace. Applications are being received for a staff opening in the AAPLD Makerspace .

Trustee Reports

- **Secretary Sharkey** had nothing to report.
- **Trustee Jamison** had nothing to report.
- **Trustee Becker** commented on the Library's the newspaper collection in response to a patron comment. He suggested adding the Washington [Times], which is a more conservative paper [Trustee Becker reported that he misspoke the newspaper title].
- **Trustee Medrano-Sanchez** thanked President Taylor for the lasagna she shared with her family.
- **Treasurer Pelke** requested that the broken finial eagle on top of the American Flag be replaced.
- **Vice President Johnson** is happy to see that Heifer International is benefiting from the Summer Reading program as his family has been supporters of Heifer for years. He is looking forward to The Rise of Comics in Pop Culture program coming up at the Library and he enjoyed the Lego Train exhibit with his Little from the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program.
- **President Taylor** was complimentary about the article on Eastgate Adult Librarian Holly Eberle that was recently included in the Northwest Herald and noted she has always had positive interactions with Holly. She and her family are looking forward to the Summer Reading Program.

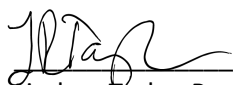
Correspondence

We received a certificate from Jacobs for our participation in their Vocational Program. The recent suggestion box comments were shared.

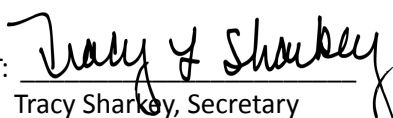
Adjournment

President Taylor adjourned the meeting at 8:09 pm by declaration.

APPROVED:


Lindsay Taylor, President

ATTEST:


Tracy Sharkey, Secretary