

Algonquin Area Public Library District Board of Trustees Meeting
2600 Harnish Drive, Algonquin, Illinois
July 29, 2026
7:00 pm

The Board of Trustees of the Algonquin Area Public Library District met on Wednesday July 29, 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, Secretary Sharkey, and President Taylor

Absent: Trustee Becker, Trustee Medrano-Sanchez, and Treasurer Pelke

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

Audience to Visitors

There were no visitors in attendance.

Consent Agenda

a. Approval of the June 24, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

b. Approval of the July 8, 2026 Special Board Meeting Minutes

c. Approval of the June 2026 Financial Statements

There was no discussion. Vice President Johnson moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Trustee Jamison seconded. The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

Approval of July 2026 Disbursements

There was no discussion. Trustee Jamison moved to approve the July 2025 Disbursements in the amount of \$380,971.15 and Vice President Johnson seconded. The motion passed with a roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: Jamison, Johnson, Sharkey, Taylor

Nays: None

Absent: Becker, Medrano-Sanchez, Pelke

Abstain: None

Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with McHenry County Department of Health

The MOU presented would allow AAPLD to partner with MCDH for health screenings. This item was on a previous agenda with no action taken. The MOU has been reviewed and approved by the library's attorney. Vice President Johnson moved to approve the MOU with MCDH and Trustee Jamison seconded. The motion passed with a roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: Jamison, Johnson, Sharkey, Taylor

Nays: None

Absent: Becker, Medrano-Sanchez, Pelke

Abstain: None

Approval of Policies

PM 311: NICU Leave

PM 711: Tuition Reimbursement

PM 716 Reimbursable Expenses

Policy 2035: Disposal of Surplus Library Materials

Policy 3057: Display Cases and Exhibit Space

Policy 4030: Freedom of Information Act

Trustee Jamison gave a recap of the Policy Committee meeting and discussion held on July 28, 2026. The policies presented incorporate the minor changes suggested by the Committee. There were two policies, PM 203 Attendance and Punctuality and PM 705: Sick Time, that were listed on the agenda but that were not changed, updated, or acted upon. The Policy Committee made the motion that updates to PM 311, PM 711, PM 716, Policy 2035, Policy 3057, and Policy 4030 be approved and Vice President Johnson seconded. The motion passed with a roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: Jamison, Johnson, Sharkey, Taylor

Nays: None

Absent: Becker, Medrano-Sanchez, Pelke

Abstain: None

Appointment to Review Secretary's Book

Secretary Sharkey and Vice President Johnson volunteered to review the Secretary's book before August 30, 2025.

Committee Reports

- **Facilities Committee:** The Committee may meet after the landscaping project gets underway in late August.
- **Policy Committee:** The Committee met on July 28 and discussed the policies presented at this meeting.
- **Budget and Personnel Committee:** The Committee expects to meet in October to discuss the levy.

Staff Reports

Executive Director Murray shared information from her report. The Summer Reading Program will conclude on July 31 and we had record numbers. Over 4000 people registered for the program and we expect about 2600 to complete the program as our completion rate is consistently around 65%. This is the first year we have registered 4000+ participants. The inaugural AlgonquinFest was held in Spella Park on July 24-26. Executive Director Murray volunteered on Friday night. Many community members showed up for the bands, carnival, and food. Other than some parking issues at the library (which we expect to be managed better next year), the event was a success. We are still working on HB5236 (the Digital Library Protection Act). There was a change in the bill sponsor and it is still in Senate legal review, but our committee is working to get Senate support in hopes of passing the bill during the fall veto session. The landscape contract was reviewed by our attorney and is ready to sign! Alluvium will work on procuring plants and we will begin in earnest with a kickoff meeting on August 25. Youth Services Librarian Jen Jazwinski has accepted the position of Eastgate Branch Coordinator! She will take on some new responsibilities while retaining some of her favorite programs (like Music & Movement). She begins in her new role on August 6.

Trustee Reports

- Trustee Jamison had nothing to report.
- Vice President Johnson reported reading three books recently that were very different from each other but all enjoyable. He loves seeing people with books.
- Secretary Sharkey had nothing to report.
- President Taylor loved the summer reading program and appreciated all of the options to read and access different materials.

Correspondence

We received thank you notes from the LITH Annual Golf Outing, Rep Ness's office for hosting office hours, and Kids in Need for assisting with their Stuff the Duffel Drive. Suggestion box comments were also included.

Adjournment to Executive Session

President Taylor adjourned the meeting to Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2.06(d) for semi-annual review of closed session minutes at 7:37 pm by declaration.

Call to Order

President Taylor returned the Board to open session at 7:45 pm.

Roll Call

In attendance: Trustee Jamison, Vice President Johnson, Secretary Sharkey, and President Taylor

Absent: Trustee Becker, Trustee Medrano-Sanchez, and Treasurer Pelke

Staff present: Executive Director Murray

Actions as a Result of Executive Session

Trustee Jamison made a motion to approve the closed session minutes from December 10, 2025 and Vice President Johnson seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

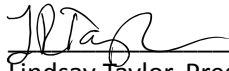
Trustee Jamison made a motion to keep selected minutes from January 23, 2019 and earlier and from February 21, 2021 closed and make minutes from December 10, 2025 open and available for inspection and Vice President Johnson seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Trustee Jamison made a motion to destroy recordings from closed session meetings held on or before December 29, 2024, which were the meetings held on July 24, 2024 and December 18, 2024, and Vice President Johnson seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Adjournment

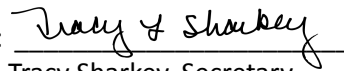
President Taylor adjourned the meeting by declaration at 7:49 pm.

APPROVED:



Lindsay Taylor, President

ATTEST:



Tracy Sharkey, Secretary