



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF PEKIN PUBLIC LIBRARY HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 24, AT 5:00 P.M. AT 301 S. FOURTH ST., PEKIN, IL.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Carrie Allen, President; Randy Turner, Vice President; Gary Gillis, Treasurer; Leslie Leitner, Secretary; Mary Ann Ladendorf; Maureen Naughtin; Larry Spialek

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Mary Jane Sours; Christy Gardner

OTHERS PRESENT: Victoria Volckmann, Assistant Director; Emily Lambe, Public Information Manager; Josh Wray, Director of Economic Development for City of Pekin

President Allen called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

MINUTES

The MINUTES of the Tuesday, February 24, 2026, Regular Board Meeting, were approved. Copies of the minutes and financial reports were sent to the Trustees prior to the meeting. Trustee Gillis MOVED to APPROVE the minutes. Trustee Leitner SECONDED the MOTION. On voice vote, all present voted aye. There were no nays. MOTION was PASSED.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

Josh Wray introduced himself to the Board and was observing the meeting as part of the Chamber of Commerce Leadership Academy

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Trustee Connection

Upcoming Programs

Emily Lambe updated the Board on programs for April.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND EXPENDITURE APPROVAL

Following discussion, Trustee Spialek MOVED to APPROVE expenditures for February in the amount of \$131,353.11. Trustee Gillis SECONDED the MOTION. On roll call vote, Trustees Turner, Leitner, Naughtin, Allen, Gillis, Spialek, and Ladendorf voted aye. There were no nays. MOTION was PASSED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Spialek, Chair of Building and Grounds, reported their committee met with the architects regarding the designs for the new lobby desk. Joined by library staff members, the group discussed what their needs were. Trustee Leitner reported that the Community Relations committee met to discuss ways to celebrate library employees for Library Worker's Appreciation Day.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Brooks noted copies of the strategic plan were distributed to the Board prior to the meeting. There will be an all staff meeting on May 15, and Jim Arndt will meet with staff to go over the finished plan. Director Brooks also mentioned he went over the suggestions from the Board from the 'Walk Around the Building' report and noted some common themes in his report. Brooks also distributed a Board Self-Evaluation Packet for Board Members to complete.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Approve FY2023 Audit

Trustee Gillis MOVED to APPROVE the FY2023 Audit. Trustee Naughtin SECONDED the MOTION. Director Brooks reviewed the FY2023 Audit with the Board. On roll call vote, Trustees Turner, Leitner, Naughtin, Allen, Gillis, Spialek, and Ladendorf voted aye. There were no nays. MOTION was PASSED.

Approve Fund Balance Transfer for FY2022

Trustee Gillis MOVED to APPROVE the Fund Balance Transfer for FY2023 in the amount of \$180,880 into the Capital Development Fund, which will put the Technology Fund at \$50,000, and the Capital Development and Maintenance Fund at \$300,000.00. Trustee Turner SECONDED the MOTION. On roll

call vote, Trustees Turner, Leitner, Naughtin, Allen, Gillis, Spialek, and Ladendorf voted aye. There were no nays. MOTION was PASSED.

NEW BUSINESS

Continue Participation in Non-Resident Card Program, Including Waiving Fees for Minors Under 18

Trustee Leitner MOVED to APPROVE to Continue Participation in Non-Resident Card Program, Including Waiving Fees for Minors Under 18. Trustee Spialek SECONDED the MOTION. Director Brooks explained the program, noting the Board votes on this annually to renew. On voice vote, all present voted aye. There were no nays. MOTION was PASSED.

Review Piano, Prohibited Gifts, and Public Posting Policies

Trustee Naughtin MOVED to APPROVE the Piano, Prohibited Gifts, and Public Posting Policies. Trustee Allen requested two typos be corrected. On voice vote, all present voted aye. There were no nays. MOTION was PASSED.

OTHER BUSINESS

Trustee Gillis asked if there were any other plans for the U.S. Semiquincentennial (250th anniversary) in addition to Jared Olar's programming series. Director Brooks said they will be scheduling a Personnel Committee Meeting in April.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Gillis MOVED to adjourn at 5:37 p.m. Trustee Turner SECONDED the MOTION. On voice vote, all present voted aye. There were no nays. MOTION was PASSED.

Secretary

President