



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF PEKIN PUBLIC LIBRARY HELD TUESDAY, APRIL 28, AT 5:00 P.M. AT 301 S. FOURTH ST., PEKIN, IL.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Randy Turner, Vice President; Leslie Leitner, Secretary; Mary Ann Ladendorf; Mary Jane Sours; Maureen Naughtin; Larry Spialek

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Carrie Allen, President; Gary Gillis, Treasurer; Christy Gardner

OTHERS PRESENT: Emily Lambe, Public Information Manager; Jeff Brooks, Director

Vice President Turner called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

MINUTES

The MINUTES of the Tuesday, March 24, 2026, Regular Board Meeting; Wednesday, March 25, Community Relations Committee Meeting; Wednesday, April 8, Community Relations Committee Meeting; and Wednesday, April 8, Personnel Committee Meeting were APPROVED. Copies of the minutes and financial reports were sent to the Trustees prior to the meeting. Trustee Leitner MOVED to APPROVE the minutes. Trustee Spialek SECONDED the MOTION. On voice vote, all present voted aye. There were no nays. MOTION was PASSED.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

None

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Trustee Connection
Upcoming Programs

Emily Lambe updated the Board on programs for May, noting the Summer Reading Kick Off Party on May 30, 2026.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND EXPENDITURE APPROVAL

Following discussion, Trustee Sours MOVED to APPROVE expenditures for March in the amount of \$124,464.30. Trustee Ladendorf SECONDED the MOTION. On roll call vote, Trustees Sours, Turner, Leitner, Naughtin, Spialek, and Ladendorf voted aye. There were no nays. MOTION was PASSED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Sours, Chair of Community Relations, reported their committee met to proceed with plans to celebrate library employees for Library Worker's Appreciation Day.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Brooks discussed the progress on the Lobby Desk, as part of the Strategic Plan. Using various pictures of desk samples, the staff all liked having a display shelf in the front, curved desk, and a way to hide equipment for a more streamlined appearance. The Director also distributed the Board Self-Evaluation form, to be returned to him by May 15. Director Brooks also went over the Fire Inspection Report and updated the Board on the progress made on the to-do list.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Adopt FY2027 Budget

Trustee Leitner MOVED to APPROVE the FY2027 Budget. Trustee Spialek SECONDED the MOTION. Director Brooks reviewed the changes to the FY2027 Budget from the prior draft to reflect the 4% levy. On roll call vote, Trustees Sours, Turner, Leitner, Naughtin, Spialek, and Ladendorf voted aye. There were no nays. MOTION was PASSED.

Executive Session to Discuss Personnel ref. ILCS 120 Section 12(c)(1)

Trustee Naughtin MOVED to go to Executive session at 5:37 p.m to Discuss Personnel ref. ILCS 120 Section 12(c)(1). Trustee Sours SECONDED the MOTION. On roll call vote, Trustees Sours, Turner, Leitner, Naughtin, Spialek, and Ladendorf voted aye. There were no nays. MOTION was PASSED.

Trustee Spialek MOVED to return to open session at 5:44 p.m. Trustee Naughtin SECONDED the MOTION. On roll call vote, Trustees Sours, Turner, Leitner, Naughtin, Spialek, and Ladendorf voted aye. There were no nays. MOTION was PASSED.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Ladendorf MOVED to adjourn at 5:45 p.m. Trustee Sours SECONDED the MOTION. On voice vote, all present voted aye. There were no nays. MOTION was PASSED.

Secretary

President