



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF PEKIN PUBLIC LIBRARY HELD TUESDAY, MAY 26, AT 5:00 P.M. AT 301 S. FOURTH ST., PEKIN, IL.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Carrie Allen, President; Leslie Leitner, Secretary; Gary Gillis, Treasurer; Mary Ann Ladendorf; Mary Jane Sours; Maureen Naughtin; Christy Gardner; Larry Spialek

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Randy Turner, Vice President

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

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

**MINUTES**

The MINUTES of the Tuesday, April 28, 2026, Regular Board 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 Gillis 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 June, noting the Summer Reading Kick Off Party on May 30, 2026.

**FINANCIAL REPORT AND EXPENDITURE APPROVAL**

Following discussion, Trustee Gillis MOVED to APPROVE expenditures for April in the amount of \$169,010.60. Trustee Sours SECONDED the MOTION. On roll call vote, Trustees Sours, Leitner, Allen, Gardner, Gillis, Ladendorf and Spialek voted aye. There were no nays. MOTION was PASSED.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Trustee Ladendorf, Chair of the Building and Grounds Committee, reported their committee met prior to the board meeting to go over the architect's renderings for a new lobby desk that fits most needs of the library. Director Brooks showed updated images for the Board to discuss.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Brooks noted Jim Arndt met with staff during the staff meeting on May 15 to go over the Strategic Plan. Teams are reviewing their goals for the strategic plan, and will meet as a group quarterly (July, October, January, and April). Director Brooks also summarized the results of the Board Self Evaluation, noting many positive responses, and a few items to work on, such as more development and educational opportunities for Board Members.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Surplus Property

Trustee Gardner MOVED to APPROVE the Surplus Property list. Trustee Naughtin SECONDED the MOTION. Director Brooks reviewed the list of surplus property that he would like to dispose of. On voice vote, all present voted aye. There were no nays. MOTION was PASSED.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Trustee Leitner noted the Friends Book Sales were doing really well. Trustee Gillis updated the board on his podcast, noting he's recently interviewed Jared Olar, Ray LaHood, and Jim Kouri.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Spialek MOVED to adjourn at 5:52 p.m. Trustee Gillis SECONDED the MOTION. On voice vote, all present voted aye. There were no nays. MOTION was PASSED.

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Secretary

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President