

MINUTES
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DEKALB PUBLIC LIBRARY
BILDER FAMILY MEETING ROOM
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2026
6:30 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Deborah Booth, Andrea Dahlberg, Rhiannon Gruber, Ann Shult, Alex Tobias, Betsy Zimmerman

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Laura Anderson, Rebecca Hunt, Kelli Meserole

LIBRARY STAFF PRESENT: Emily Faulkner, Chelsea Racine

GUESTS PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Zimmerman at 6:33 p.m.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

Additional Announcement B: Statements of Economic Interest

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Next upcoming after-hours program: Friday, April 17, 6:30 p.m., NIU Steelband
- B. Statements of Economic Interest should be received and submitted shortly.

OFFICER ELECTIONS

Board Member Booth and Board Member Meserole (in absentia) nominated for Vice President. For Booth, 5 votes in favor, 1 opposed. For Meserole, 1 vote in favor, 5 opposed. Board Member Booth will serve as Vice President. Board Member Dahlberg nominated for Secretary. 6 votes in favor. Board Member Dahlberg will serve as Secretary. Board Members Hunt and Zimmerman will continue to serve as President and Treasurer, respectively.

ASSIGN COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

Board Members Hunt, Booth, and Dahlberg will serve on the Executive Committee. Hunt, Dahlberg, and Zimmerman will serve on the Finance Committee. Board Members Booth, Tobias, and Zimmerman will serve on the By-Laws Committee. Gruber, Meserole, and Shult will serve on the Policy Committee.

MINUTES

- A. Approve March 11, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes: Dahlberg moved to approve March 11, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Shult. Motion carried.

REPORTS

- A. Director's Report –March. World of Reading was very successful. The Teacher in the Library program saw an increased number of students attending. The Teen Candy Tasting program, as a part of the America 250 initiative, was also well-attended and popular with teens.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. Review Trustee Facts Files – Chapter 4: Legal Responsibilities and Liabilities: Reviewed.
- B. Review Standards for Libraries – Chapter 4: Collection Management: Reviewed.
- C. Approve Courtyard Architectural Design Contract with Woolpert. Gruber moved to approve. Seconded by Tobias. Motion carried via roll call, 6-0.
- D. Approve Construction Manager At-Risk Contract with SMC. Shult moved to approve. Seconded by Dahlberg. Motion carried via roll call, 6-0.

FINANCE

- A. Approve March 2026 Monthly Bills: Dahlberg moved to approve. Seconded by Shult. Motion carried via roll call, 6-0.
- B. Review Financials: Reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Gruber moved to adjourn. Seconded by Dahlberg. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.