

**Ella Johnson Memorial Public Library
109 S. State Street, Hampshire, IL 60140
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
April 27, 2026**

Call to Order: President Linda Wallace called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 5:00 pm.

Present: Trustees Kim Alberth, Pat Dumoulin, Morgan Kolecke, Suzanne Lattanzio, Judy Pokorny, Kathy Eller and Linda Wallace.

Absent: None

Staff Members: Executive Director Stephen Bero, Youth Services Manager/Assistant Director Heather Swanson.

Public: Emily Porter

Pledge of Allegiance: President Wallace led those gathered in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Changes/Corrections to the Agenda: None

Questions/Comments-Public/Media: None

Approval of Minutes:

Regular Meeting: Motion by Trustee Lattanzio and second by Trustee Kolecke to approve the minutes from the Regular Hearing held on March 23, 2026. The minutes were approved by voice-vote consensus.

Treasurer's Report:

- Approval of Bills for April 2026; Payrolls for March 2026. Motion by Trustee Eller and second by Trustee Pokorny to approve the April 2026 Bills in the amount of \$37,568.01 and March Payrolls in the amount of \$38,902.10. The Bills and Payrolls were approved by voice-vote consensus.
- Financial Report-April 2026

Director's Report:

- Department Reports
- Circulation/Programming/Database Statistics
- PrairieCat Administrative Council Brief–April 10, 2026
- Friends Minutes-April 7, 2026

Director's Report:

Director Bero outlined the timeline for finalizing the FY 2026-2027 budget.

President's Report: President Wallace reminded the Board that the May meeting will be held a week early due to Memorial Day.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

A. Selection of delivery methods for building renovation.

Motion by Trustee Alberth and second by Trustee Lattanzio that the board construction management as the delivery method for the remodeling of the interior of the Hampshire library building. The motion was approved by voice-vote consensus.

B. Policies

1. Scent-Free Workplace
2. Reference and Reader's Advisory Services
3. Tuition Reimbursement
4. Historical Collection

Motion by Trustee Dumoulin and second by Trustee Lattanzio that the board adopt the four policies as presented. The motion was approved by voice-vote consensus.

C. Executive Session

Motion by Trustee Alberth and second by Trustee Dumoulin that the board enter into Executive Session at 5:35 pm to consider the employment of a specific employee of the public body [5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1)]. The motion was approved by voice-vote consensus.

The board reconvened in open session at 8:09 pm.

D. Action as a result of the Executive Session

Motion by Trustee Lattanzio and second by Trustee Dumoulin that the board extend the offer of the position of executive director to Candidate #4 and that President Wallace be given the authority to negotiate the terms of employment with the Candidate. The motion was approved by voice-vote consensus.

E. Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Dumoulin and second by Trustee Eller to adjourn the meeting of April 27, 2026. The motion was approved by voice-vote consensus.

President Wallace adjourned the meeting at 8:11 pm.

The next Regular Board Meeting is at 7:00 pm on Monday, May 18, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Swanson, Recording Secretary

Kim Alberth, Board Secretary