

**MINUTES  
ELMHURST PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Tuesday, April 21, 2026  
Kossmann Room  
7:00 PM**

President Pro Temp Susan Sadowski called the April 21, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board members in attendance included: Marsha Baker (arrived at 7:03 pm), Ingrid Becton, Jane Chornij, Carol Jacobsen, Bill Ryan, and Bill Shanklin.

Trustees Cindy Wellwood and Taylor Holop were absent.

Also in attendance were Library Director Mary Beth Harper and Assistant Director Marcy Rodriguez.

There were no visitors in attendance.

There was no correspondence.

The first order of business was the approval of the Minutes of the March 17, 2026 Regular Board of Trustees Meeting. Trustee Jacobsen moved:

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the March 17, 2026 Regular Board of Trustees Meeting be approved as presented.

Trustee Becton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next order of business was the approval of the April 21, 2026 Accounts Payable. Trustee Becton moved:

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the April 21, 2026 Accounts Payable be approved as presented.

Trustee Chornij seconded the motion. Director Harper answered several questions about the invoices. The motion carried.

Director Harper reviewed the financial reports and stated that a property tax payment of \$1,310 was received. The Library receives most of its property tax payments in June. Director Harper then answered several questions from the Board.

Ms. Harper reviewed the expenditure report. She noted that Group Health under Employee Benefits was \$125,508. She also discussed the Auto Circ System under Contractual Services; a lease payment of \$16,211 was made.

In the Director's Report, Ms. Harper stated that the patio was officially open. Patrons have been enthusiastic about having the outdoor space available and have shared how much they're enjoying it.

In the President's Pro Temp Report, Ms. Sadowski wished Library staff a happy Library Worker Day, as April 21 was National Library Worker Day.

The first order of New Business was the resolution adopting the web content accessibility guidelines 2.1 (WCAG). Trustee Ryan moved:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Board of Library Trustees of the Elmhurst Public Library adopts the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) version 2.1, Resolution number 42126, as the Library's Digital Accessibility Standard.

Trustee Becton seconded the motion. Director Harper stated that the Library now has until April 26, 2028, to comply with these new standards. The motion carried.

The next order of New Business was the 2025 Financial Review. Director Harper reviewed the financial reports for FY 2025.

The next order of New Business was the approval of Participation in the Reciprocal Borrowing Agreement. Each year, the Board of Trustees must inform the Illinois State Library whether or not the Library will participate in the statewide reciprocal borrowing program. EPL receives a Per Capita Grant through the Illinois State Library, and Elmhurst residents use their library cards at neighboring libraries throughout the year. Trustee Shanklin moved:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Elmhurst Public Library Board of Trustees will participate in the statewide reciprocal borrowing program as promulgated by the Illinois State Library for FY 2026. Trustee Becton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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The next order of New Business was the review of the Group Study Rooms. Trustee Baker moved:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Group Study Rooms be approved as presented with no changes.

Trustee Becton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

There being no Other Business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.