

**MINUTES
ELMHURST PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Tuesday, May 19, 2026
Kossmann Room
7:00 PM**

President Cindy Wellwood called the May 19, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board members in attendance included: Marsha Baker, Ingrid Becton, Carol Jacobsen, Taylor Holop, Bill Ryan, Susan Sadowski, and Bill Shanklin.

Trustees Jane Chornij was 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 April 21, 2026 Regular Board of Trustees Meeting. Trustee Baker moved:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the April 21, 2026 Regular Board of Trustees Meeting be approved as presented.

Trustee Sadowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next order of business was the approval of the May 19, 2026 Accounts Payable. Trustee Sadowski moved:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the May 19, 2026 Accounts Payable be approved as presented.

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

Director Harper reviewed the financial reports and stated that a replacement tax payment of \$28,584 was received. There was \$12,042 of earned interest. 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 \$67,938. She also discussed the Auto Circ System under Contractual Services; a payment of \$96,388 was made. There was also an annual payment of \$25,755 to the City for services rendered.

In the Director's Report, Ms. Harper stated that Kids' staff member Kelsey Wilcoxon took on the task of planting flowers in the kaleidoscope planter on the patio. The planter looks beautiful, and looking through the kaleidoscope offers a colorful prismatic view of the flowers.

She also talked about the Seed Library, which has been incredibly popular. When new seed packets are offered, they are usually gone within a day. Patrons also engaged with a recent social media post from our Marketing team in record numbers.

She shared about her time in the Makery on a random Thursday morning. It was inspiring to see the variety of projects underway: a local boutique owner was upcycling shirts for her shop, grandparents were crafting with their grandchildren, patrons were laser-cutting water bottles, and another was creating sublimation prints.

She also reminded the Board about the upcoming patio party on June 20, from 1-3 pm.

In the President's Report, Ms. Wellwood thanked Trustee Sadowski for running last month's meeting. She also stated that she enjoys reading the department's reports.

The first order of Unfinished Business was the HVAC timeline. Director Harper reviewed the timeline.

The first order of New Business was the 2026 budget preparation and schedule. Director Harper reported that the budget process will begin next month with the presentation of the first draft budget. Any necessary revisions will be incorporated and presented at the July Board meeting, with final budget approval anticipated at the August Board meeting.

There being no Other Business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.