ATTACHMENT A

MINUTES
ELMHURST PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Tuesday, September 15, 2026
Kossmann Room
7:00 PM

President Cindy Wellwood called the September 15, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Trustee Bill Ryan was absent.

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

Secretary Baker administered the oath of office to Trustee Taylor Holop.

There were no visitors in attendance.

There was no other correspondence.

The first order of business was the approval of the Minutes of the August 18, 2026 Regular Board of Trustees Meeting. Trustee Shanklin moved:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

> That the Minutes of the August 18, 2026 Regular Board of Trustees Meeting be approved as presented.

Trustee Jacobsen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next order of business was the approval of the Minutes of the August 18, 2026 Annual Board of Trustees Meeting. Trustee Shanklin moved:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

> That the Executive Session Minutes of the August 18, 2026 Annual 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 September 15, 2026 Accounts Payable. Trustee Becton moved:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the September 15, 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 $65,147 along with a replacement tax payment of $17,578 were received. She stated expenses were proceeding as usual. Director Harper then answered several questions from the Board.

In the Director's Report, Ms. Harper stated that One Book, One Elmhurst has officially begun. The program invites the Elmhurst community to read and engage with the same book. This year's title is *Symphony of Secrets* by Brendan Slocumb.

Ms. Harper also talked about how the Library Insiders programming niche for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities has really grown in popularity over the years. When a Library Trustee told us about the need for this type of specialty programming, we started to explore ideas. One particular program, No Shush Movies, has proven to be very popular. The August 25 program had just over 30 attendees. It's really incredible to see this community need being met by the Library.

Director Harper also highlighted the Makery Skills Lab in the latest issue of *Fine Print*. This new Makery offering doesn't require patrons to sign up for a specific class, so it will never fill up. Because Makery classes are so popular, we often have long waiting lists, with many patrons who may never get a spot in the class. Patrons can come in whenever it works for them and create a craft while using Makery equipment to practice their skills and build confidence.

In the President's Report, Ms. Wellwood wished all a happy fall.

The first order of Unfinished Business was the HVAC Project. Director Harper reviewed the construction schedule. She also stated that due to rain, the crane was rescheduled.

The next order of Unfinished Business was the landscaping project. Director Harper gave an update on the project.

The first order of New Business was the review of the Closed Session Meeting Minutes. Director Harper stated that closed session meetings are reviewed twice a year. Trustee Sadowski moved:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Executive Session Minutes dated September 20, 2016 remain closed.

That the Executive Session Minutes dated July 15, 2025 remain closed.

Trustee Becton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Trustee Sadowski moved:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Executive Session Minutes dated July 21, 2026 be opened.

Trustee Chornij seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next order of New Business was the review of the Board Bylaws policy. Director Harper reviewed the policy. Trustee Becton moved:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board Bylaws policy be approved as presented.

Trustee Jacobsen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next order of New Business was the approval to purchase an embroidery machine. Director Harper reviewed the quote. Trustee Becton moved:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Administrative staff is authorized to purchase an embroidery machine for the Makery at a cost not to exceed $8,247.00

Trustee Jacobsen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

There being no Other Business, the meeting was adjourned 7:27 p.m.