

**Aurora Public Library District
Regular Board Meeting
Board of Library Trustees
February 25, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Trustees Ash Draighean, Joe Filapek, Scott McCleary, Matthew Orr, Melinda, Riddick, Joseph Sánchez

Absent: None

Also present were Executive Director Michaela Haberkern, Deputy Director Tom Spicer, Finance Manager Mark Salem, Director of Communications and Marketing Miriam Meza-Gotto, Director of Neighborhood Services Heather Sturm, Director of Human Resources Brenda Blough, Administrative Assistant Kim Gautschi, and Craig Meadows, Ryan LeFave, and Sophia Trajcevski of Studio GC.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: The Eola Branch furniture package presentation was moved to the first item under New Business. The Neighborhood Services update was rescheduled for the March board meeting.

MINUTES OF JANUARY 28, 2026, REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

Scott McCleary moved, seconded by Matthew Orr, the board approved the minutes of the January 28, 2026 regular board meeting.

All in Favor

Absent: None

Vacancy: One

Motion carried

REGULAR BOARD MEETING 1-28-2026 MINUTES APPROVED

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Michaela Haberkern updated the board on a recent Guatemalan Express Consulate event at the Santori Library.

She reported on the first community presentation regarding West Branch renovations, to the Foundation Board, and invited the trustees to visit Santori on Friday, March 6, at 6:00 pm to see the unveiling of a new, original piece of artwork inspired by the Community Voices project.

Trustee Vacancy Ad-Hoc Committee Report:

Joe Filapek reported the Trustee Vacancy Ad-Hoc Committee met on February 17, 2026 to review the applications that were submitted for the open trustee position, to select finalists for in-person interviews, and to finalize questions for those interviews. There were 28 applications, one of which withdrew before the meeting. The committee reviewed the remaining 27 and narrowed the field down to 6 applications. The board is scheduling interviews for Wednesday, March 18 starting at 6pm and again on Saturday March 21 starting at 9 am. Those interviews will be in open session; the committee will adjourn to the executive session to deliberate; and the plan is to select to recommend to the full board on Saturday, March 21st. The committee is on track to have a new trustee sworn in at the March 25, 2026 meeting.

Building and Grounds Committee Report:

Matthew Orr reported that the Buildings and Grounds Committee met on February 18, 2026 to review the furniture, fixtures, and equipment package for the Eola Road Branch. Craig Meadows, Sophia Trajcevski, and Ryan LeFave from StudioGC were in attendance to review the package. This is in New Business, and discussion was deferred until that time. The committee recommends that the full board approve the package in an amount not to exceed \$1,900,000.00.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of Furniture Package for Eola Road Branch

Craig Meadows and Sophia Trajcevski of StudioGC reviewed the proposed furniture package with the board. The package includes shelving, computer benches and tables, soft seating, study seating, tables, and furnishing for staff areas. Library and Studio GC staff have worked extensively to ensure that the furniture selected will meet the needs of the community as well as be durable and attractive. The package includes chairs for the Santori storytime room and the Santori atrium. Trustees discussed color choices and furniture quality and had questions about service life.

Matthew Orr moved, seconded by Scott McCleary, to approve the Eola Road Branch furniture package for an amount not to exceed \$1,900,000.00

Roll call on motion:

Yes: Trustees Draighean, Filapek, McCleary, Orr, Riddick, Sánchez

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Vacancy: One

Motion Carried

EOLA ROAD BRANCH FURNITURE PACKAGE APPROVED

Approval of January/February Bills

Finance Manager Mark Salem updated the board with an overview of the library's current financial position and expenditures, revenue, and investments. Mark confirmed the February 2026 expenses and provided answers to the library board's questions.

Scott McCleary moved, seconded by Matthew Orr, to approve the monthly expenditures as listed on the Authorization Sheet for the period January 23, 2026 to February 18, 2026, in the amount of \$1,616,547.51 and to authorize up to \$505,726.92 in construction costs.

Roll call on motion:

Yes: Trustees Draighean, Filapek, McCleary, Orr, Riddick, Sánchez

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Vacancy: One

Motion Carried

PAYMENT OF BILLS 01-23-26 TO 02-18-26 APPROVED

Services to Children Update

Senior Manager of Children's Services Monica Boyer spoke to the board about the services and programs the Children's Department offers to children and families in Aurora as well as local schools.

Ordinance 2026-01 Annexing Property

All information and documentation needed has been received to proceed regarding Ordinance 2026-01 Annexing Property.

Ash Draighean moved, seconded by Melinda Riddick, to approve Ordinance 2026-01 Annexing Property.

Roll call on motion:

Yes: Trustees Draighean, Filapek, McCleary, Orr, Riddick, Sánchez

No: None

Abstain: None
Absent: None
Vacancy: One
Motion Carried

ORDINANCE 2026-01 ANNEXING PROPERTY APPROVED

Adjournment

Scott McCleary moved, seconded by Matthew Orr, the board unanimously voted to adjourn at 6:46 p.m.

All in favor

Motion carried

**ADJOURNMENT
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