Aurora Public Library District
Regular Board Meeting
Board of Library Trustees
July 22, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Trustees Ash Draighean, Joe Filapek, Scott McCleary, Matthew Orr, Joseph Sánchez, and Cassandra White

Absent: Melinda Riddick

Also present were Executive Director Michaela Haberkern; Deputy Director Tom Spicer; Finance Manager Mark Salem; Director of Human Resources Brenda Blough; Heather Sturm Director of Neighborhood Services; Director of Marketing & Communications Miriam Mezza-Gotto; and Executive Administrative Assistant Detra Davis.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: Michaela requested that the agenda item in New Business be corrected to reflect the title of Ordinance 2026-01 Approving Change Orders.

MINUTES OF JUNE 24, 2026, BOARD MEETING:
Scott McCleary moved, seconded by Matthew Orr, to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2026, meeting.
Roll call on motion:
All in Favor: Trustees Ash Draighean, Joe Filapek, Scott McCleary, Matthew Orr, Joseph Sánchez, and Cassandra White
Absent: Melinda Riddick
Motion Carried

BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 24, 2026 APPROVED

STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Executive Director's Report:
Michaela Haberkern spoke briefly about the ongoing renovations at the Eola Road Branch and planned renovations at West Branch.

She stated that she and Tom Spicer attended the River Grove Public Library ribbon-cutting ceremony. Their new building opened today.

She then gave a brief overview of the National Night Out that is scheduled for the public on August 4, 2026.

Finance Committee Report:
Scott McCleary informed the Board the Finance Committee met on July 14, 2026, to discuss the end-of-year transfer to the Special Reserve Fund; the tentative Budget and Appropriations Ordinance; and the Certified Estimate of Revenues. Discussion was deferred to New Business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: A member of the public thanked the board and the staff for supporting digitization of the Aurora Beacon News.

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE/JULY BILLS
Finance Manager Mark Salem updated the board with an overview of the library's current financial position including expenditures, investments, and revenue. Mark confirmed the July 2026 expenses and provided answers to the Board of Trustees' questions.

Scott McCleary moved, seconded by Cassie White, to approve the monthly expenditures as listed on the Authorization Sheet for the period from June 19, 2026 – July 17, 2026, in the amount of $1,590,436.87 and to authorize up to $441,770.93 in construction costs.

Roll call on motion:
Yes: Trustees Ash Draighean, Joe Filapek, Scott McCleary, Matthew Orr, Joseph Sánchez, and Cassandra White
Absent: Melinda Riddick
Motion Carried

PAYMENT OF BILLS 06-19-26 TO 07-17-26
APPROVED

QUARTERLY INVESTMENT UPDATE
Mike Cava, Senior Portfolio Manager at Old Second Wealth Management, discussed the library's investments and answered the Board's questions. Trustees discussed risk and opportunity related to investments, as well as how investment decisions can adapt to dramatic or global events, and how the board should think about their role as fiduciaries.

RESOLUTION 2026-01 APPROVING CHANGE ORDERS

Craig Meadows of Studio GC reviewed the details of two change orders to the Eola Road Branch renovation contract and answered questions about the remainder of the project. Craig also gave a brief update on the progress of the West Branch renovation bid process.

Matthew Orr moved, seconded by Scott McCleary to approve Resolution 2026-01 Approving Change Orders.

Roll call on motion:
Yes: Trustees Ash Draighean, Joe Filapek, Scott McCleary, Matthew Orr, Joseph Sánchez, and Cassandra White
Absent: Melinda Riddick
Motion Carried

RESOLUTION 2026-01 APPROVING CHANGE ORDERS APPROVED

FY27 TENTATIVE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE

Scott McCleary reviewed the FY27 Budget and Appropriations Ordinance in Tentative Form with the board. Finance Committee recommends that the full board approve the FY27 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance in its tentative form.

Scott McCleary moved, seconded by Ash Draighean to approve the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance in Tentative Form.

Roll call on motion:
Yes: Trustees Ash Draighean, Joe Filapek, Scott McCleary, Matthew Orr, Joseph Sánchez, and Cassandra White
Absent: Melinda Riddick
Motion Carried

FY27 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE APPROVED IN TENTATIVE FORM

CERTIFIED ESTIMATE OF REVENUES

Scott McCleary discussed the Certified Estimate of Revenues with the board.

RESOLUTION 2026-02 TRANSFER TO THE SPECIAL RESERVES FUND

Scott McCleary reviewed Resolution 2026-02 Transfer to the Special Reserves Fund with the board. This transfer will leave the library's Operating Reserve at 48% of the Working Budget, which is a healthy reserve and within the parameters of the board's Reserves and Accumulation of Funds Policy. Finance Committee recommends the full board approve this transfer.

Ash Draighean moved, seconded by Cassie White, to approve Resolution 2026-02 Transfer to the Special Reserves Fund.

Roll call on motion:
Yes: Trustees Ash Draighean, Joe Filapek, Scott McCleary, Matthew Orr, Joseph Sánchez, and Cassandra White
Absent: Melinda Riddick
Motion Carried

RESOLUTION 2026-02 TRANSFER TO THE SPECIAL RESERVE FUND APPROVED

ADJOURNMENT

Matthew Orr moved, seconded by Ash Draighean, the board unanimously voted to adjourn at 6:48 p.m.

All in favor
Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT CERTIFIED TO BE A TRUE COPY

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Joseph Sánchez, Board Secretary

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Date