

ALPHA PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Alpha Park Public Library District Board of Trustees call to order at 7:01 p.m. Tuesday, January 17, 2026 in Meeting Room #1, President Adams presiding.

Members Present: Kris Adams, Kim Strack, Tom Stagg, Joanna Freimuth, Kim Martin, Scott Archer, and Al Schneider

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: None

Public Present: Brittany Clone, Jack Girard

2. PUBLIC/AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

3. FORMATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF CONSENT AGENDA

A consent agenda was presented to include #4 (Minutes) and #5 (Financial Reports and Expenses) by President Adams.

Trustee Stagg made a motion to accept the consent agenda and seconded by Trustee Strack.

This passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED, THAT THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 17, 2025, REGULAR MEETINGS BE ADOPTED AS PRESENTED.

The motion passed in the consent agenda.

5. FINANCIAL REPORTS

RESOLVED, THAT THE FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2025 BE SUBMITTED FOR REVIEW.

RESOLVED, THAT THE EXPENSES FOR NOVEMBER, FOR \$225,907 AND DECEMBER, FOR \$185,521 BE ACCEPTED.

The motion passed in the consent agenda.

6. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Welcome to the January 2026 Alpha Park Public Library Board of Trustees meeting. Tonight, we continue to review trustee responsibilities. Our focus will be policymaking as well as building infrastructure and maintenance. Questions from all trustees are both welcomed and encouraged.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance Committee

The Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

There was a discussion on energy bills and alternate providers for electricity delivery. More research is warranted.

There was a discussion on checks and balances needed while Director Harris is on medical leave.

Financial reports were reviewed.

There was a discussion on moving money from current money market accounts to 13-week CDs. A total of \$777,000 was moved as a result of this discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

B. Building, Grounds, and Safety Committee

Two trees on the property has been removed. The HVAC system near the employee entrance needs a part to complete repairs. The part has been ordered. Ventilation duct cleaning occurred on January 12-14.

Reseeding will take place in the spring.

C. Marketing Committee

No meeting held.

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Agenda Items:

- Staff and Volunteers
- Continuing Education
- Collections and Materials
- Programming and Outreach
- Other

9. COMMENDATIONS

Aliesha for the Staff Holiday Party

Marissa and Ashley for creating the Creative Writing Club that has continued to meet beyond the original idea of the Novel November event

Sam for the Archive Digitization Project

10. LEGISLATIVE NEWS

Trustee Stagg reported on HB 4261, which seeks to increase per capita spending for libraries by 20%.

11. COMMUNICATIONS

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Trustee Reading Discussion

Highlights from Chapter 5 discussed.

13. NEW BUSINESS

A. Bookmobile Policy

Trustee Schneider made a motion to accept the Bookmobile Policy as presented, seconded by Trustee Martin. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

B. Programming and Display Policy

Trustee Strack made a motion to table the discussion on this policy until the February meeting, seconded by Trustee Stagg. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

14. PUBLIC/AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Girard and Ms. Clone, residents of the City of West Peoria, addressed the board with their concerns that West Peoria does not have direct library services for its citizens. They noted that they represent a group of West Peoria citizens who would like to see this change. They noted that there are two viable options to meet this goal: West Peoria forms its own library district or West Peoria is annexed into the Alpha Park Public Library District. The only other library district to border on West Peoria is the Peoria Public Library. West Peoria cannot be annexed into the Peoria Public Library as that is a local library whose borders are the borders of the City of Peoria.

Trustee Archer brought concerns from patrons. One patron asked why the library is closed on Sunday. The other patron expressed concern for the condition of a water fountain inside the library.

15. CLOSED SESSION, PER 5 ILCS (OPEN MEETINGS ACT) 120/2 (c) (2)

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

President, Kris Adams

Secretary, Joanna Freimuth

Next regular meeting: Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.