

ALPHA PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Alpha Park Public Library District Board of Trustees call to order at 7:04 p.m. Monday, September 21, 2026 in Meeting Room #1, President Adams presiding. Trustee Freimuth entered the meeting at 7:08 and left at 8:00.

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

Members Absent: Tom Stagg

Staff Present: Amy Harris

Public Present: None

2. PUBLIC/AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

3. FORMATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF CONSENT AGENDA

A consent agenda was presented to include #4 (Minutes), #5 (Financial Reports and Expenses), #13A (Computer and Internet Policy) and 13B (Unattended and Disruptive Children Policy) by President Adams.

Trustee Martin made a motion to accept the consent agenda and seconded by Trustee Schneider.

This passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED, THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2026, REGULAR MEETINGS BE ADOPTED AS PRESENTED.

The motion passed in the consent agenda.

5. FINANCIAL REPORTS

RESOLVED, THAT THE FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026 BE SUBMITTED FOR REVIEW.

RESOLVED, THAT THE EXPENSES FOR SEPTEMBER 2026, FOR \$143,366 BE ACCEPTED.

The motion passed in the consent agenda.

6. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Welcome to the September 2026 Alpha Park Public Library Board of Trustees meeting. Tonight's board training will focus on how we as trustees can advocate for the library in our communities and with other governmental agencies, including the state. We will also discuss technology within the library and how it pertains to staff and patron use. As always, discussion and questions are welcome during our discussion.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance Committee

The Meeting was called to order at 3:00

The new gates were discussed as part of the Illinois state library grant that the library received. The gates and installation were discussed.

Discussed the payments on Electronic Fund Transfer to match the audit processes. Had not received word back from the accountants. It was concluded that items other than service related items would need an approval.

Health Insurance costs were discussed as last year we had a healthy increase. The LIMRIC organization has a new plan that has some limitations showing a three (3) percent drop in premiums.

Financial reports showed an increase in the per capita funding due to new legislation. That funding roughly recovered the revenue from the difference of four thousand less residents in the district from the last census. Credit Card fees were discussed. Our attorney Phil Lenzini said that we can charge a fee for credit card transactions as long as we did not make a profit. This will have more discussions in the future.

There were no public comments

Adjourned at 3:25 P.M.

B. Building, Grounds, and Safety Committee
No meeting held.

C. Marketing Committee
No meeting held.

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Agenda Items:

- Staff & Volunteers
- Continuing Education & Meetings
- Programming & Outreach
- Other

9. COMMENDATIONS

On 9/1 there was an incident in youth services that Haley, Youth Services Department Head, handled incredibly well, staying calm and providing patron assistance through the scope of receiving outside assistance from Bartonville PD, FD, and EMT services.

Donna, longtime patron, has given a shout out to Allie, Marissa, Beau, and Jes for their customer service, and specifically to Allie for taking the 1:1 time to help her set up her track phone.

10. LEGISLATIVE NEWS

None

11. COMMUNICATIONS

None

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. FY 25/26 Secretary's Audit
Trustee Strack made a motion to accept the Secretary's Audit, seconded by Trustee Martin.
The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

B. Trustee Reading Discussion
Highlights from Chapter 12 discussed.

13. NEW BUSINESS

A. Computer and Internet Policy
The motion passed in the consent agenda.

- B. Unattended and Disruptive Children Policy
The motion passed in the consent agenda
- C. LIMRiCC Bylaws and Intergovernmental Agreement
Trustee Schneider made a motion to accept the LIMRiCC Bylaws and Intergovernmental Agreement, seconded by Trustee Martin.
The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- D. Outdoor Signage
Discussion to be continued at the October Board Meeting.

14. PUBLIC/AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

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

There was no closed session.

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

President, Kris Adams

Secretary, Joanna Freimuth

Next regular meeting: Monday, October 19, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.