

ALPHA PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Alpha Park Public Library District Board of Trustees call to order at 7:00 p.m. Monday, March 16, 2026 in Meeting Room #1, President Adams presiding. Trustee Freimuth entered the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Amy Harris, Aliesha Sullivan

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) and #5 (Financial Reports and Expenses) by President Adams.

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

This passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED, THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 17, 2026, REGULAR MEETINGS BE ADOPTED AS PRESENTED.

The motion passed in the consent agenda.

5. FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

RESOLVED, THAT THE EXPENSES FOR FEBRUARY, FOR \$123,458 BE ACCEPTED.

The motion passed in the consent agenda.

6. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Welcome to the March 2026 Alpha Park Public Library Board of Trustees meeting. As we continue our book study from the "Trustee Facts File" and "Standards for Illinois Public Libraries," tonight we focus on the needs of planning and collection management. Despite the weather, spring is here. It is a time of renewal and growth. Our study topics for this month focus on that theme. As always, comments and questions on the topics of study are welcomed.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance Committee

The Meeting was called to order at 3:02

The meeting started by looking at the financial reports. There were no issues that were brought forward.

We discussed the late payments of property taxes. Historically that has not been an issue.

Discussed Hoopla as it is still rising in cost. Access Services and Director Harris are going to investigate the data. To see if some changes need to be made to the service.

There was an eBook webinar from the Illinois Library Association. This is House Bill 5236 titled Digital Library Protection Act. It is a piece of legislation to join the Connecticut legislation to make eBooks more affordable for libraries.

Discussion on the spending policy result is a future change to the spending policy limits. This is because internet hotspots are a recurring annual cost that is processed with charge cards.

There were no public comments

Meeting adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

B. Building, Grounds, and Safety Committee

The Meeting was called to order at 4:06pm

With Director Harris' medical leave, no completed or in progress projects occurred. Upcoming items are gathering quotes for grass re-seeding, next month scheduling of the septic cleanout and elevator inspection, and the security grant that is available through the state that we will be applying for.

Meeting adjourned at 4:17pm

C. Marketing Committee

No meeting held.

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Agenda Items:

- Staff & Volunteers
- Continuing Ed. & Meetings
- Collection & Materials
- Programming & Outreach

9. COMMENDATIONS

Trustee Strack commended Haley for accommodating her homeschools students in book club.

10. LEGISLATIVE NEWS

None

11. COMMUNICATIONS

None

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Trustee Reading Discussion

Highlights from Chapter 7 discussed.

B. Strategic Plan

The board will conduct quarterly reviews of the strategic plan's implementation to assess funding needs.

13. NEW BUSINESS

A. Library Job Descriptions

Trustee Stagg made a motion to accept the Library Job Descriptions as amended, seconded by Trustee Martin.

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

14. PUBLIC/AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

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

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

President, Kris Adams

Secretary, Joanna Freimuth

Next regular meeting: Monday, April 20, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.