



Auburn Public Library District

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Meeting Minutes Auburn Public Library District Board Meeting May 19th, 2026 7 PM

Call to order: A regular meeting of the Auburn Public Library District Board of Trustees was held in Auburn, IL, 62615, on May 19th, 2026. The meeting convened at 7:16 pm. President Lacy Strader presiding, and Ashley Jarrett, secretary.

Roll call to establish quorum:

Board Attendees:

1. Lacy Strader: present
2. Monica Garrett: present
3. Ashley Jarrett: present
4. Dan Dixon: present

Staff:

Amanda Kendall, Library Director: present

Nicole Szymiski, Librarian: present

Alexis Sanders, Aide: present

Visitors:

Shelley Husemann

- I. *Motion:* Moved by Lacy Strader to appoint Shelley Husemann to the Library Board as a Trustee.

Motion carried.

- II. Adjournment: motion moved by Lacy Strader to adjourn at 7:18 pm.

Motion carried.

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- I. Approval of minutes:
 - a. *Motion:* Moved by Lacy Strader that the April 2026 meeting minutes be approved.

Motion carried.

- II. Consent Agenda
 - a. Circulation
 - i. Down from March but up from last year
 - ii. Cloud up
 - b. 8 new patrons
 - c. Social Media
 - i. 19 new Facebook follows
 - ii. 6 new Instagram follows
 - d. *Motion:* Moved by Lacy Strader that the Consent Agenda be approved.

Motion carried.

III. New Business

- a. Committee Meeting Scheduling
 - i. Building/Maintenance Committee
 1. Lacy, Monica, Amanda, Nicole—sending schedules to Amanda to setup meeting
 2. Painting/refresh project
 - ii. Budget/Finance Committee

- iii. District Expansion
- b. Non-Resident Fees
 - i. According to IHLS formula it should be \$89
 - ii. Lacy Strader made a motion to raise the Out of District fee from \$67 to \$75 beginning July 1st, working towards the formula amount of \$89.
 - 1. Lacy Strader: yay
 - 2. Monica Garrett: yay
 - 3. Ashley Jarrett: yay
 - 4. Dan Dixon: yay
 - 5. Shelley Husemann: yay
 - 6. **Motion carried.**

IV. Unifnished Business

- a. Painting/refresh project
 - i. We will be closed from July 27th to August 8th.
 - ii. Lacy Strader made a motion to close the library for painting/refresh project.
 - iii. **Motion carried.**

V. Treasurer's Report

- a. Given

VI. Directors Report

- a. Facility
 - i. Closures
 - 1. Friday, May 22nd for spring inservice day
 - 2. Monday, May 25th for Memorial Day
 - 3. Friday, June 19th for Juneteenth
 - 4. Thursday June 18th and Saturday June 20th for Red Bud Days/ square closure
 - a. There will be face painting at the Library on June 20th for Red Bud Days
- b. Staff
 - i. Staffing changes
 - 1. Alexis accepted a new position
 - 2. New aide (Hannah) will start soon
 - ii. DUA recap/highlights
 - 1. Very worthwhile
 - 2. Lots of info on district expansion, funding avenues and grants
 - 3. Employment law
 - 4. Itinerary given
 - iii. ILAAC26 Program presentations
 - 1. Peoria October 6, 7, 8
 - 2. Amanda and Nicole will both be presenting!
 - 3. Nicole- Programming on a tight budget
 - 4. Amanda- Fired up about branding

- c. Programming
 - i. Recap of recent programming
 - 1. Butterflies released!
 - ii. Summer reading around the corner!
 - 1. Potential volunteer opportunities
 - 2. Teen Fridays for summer reading!
 - iii. Shaking up our regular kids programming
- d. Fundraising
 - i. City wide garage sale and library book sale
 - 1. Success! Raised over \$900
 - ii. Summer reading fundraising push
 - 1. Local business requests sent and have gotten some back
 - 2. Almost enough already to pay for foam party
- e. Other
 - i. Dan's Route 66 segment on WAND
 - ii. We will be setting our FY 26/27 and Q1 (July, August, September) goals soon.
 - iii. June will be a new agenda format as learned at DUA
 - 1. Consent agenda different
 - 2. Lacy won't have to motion to adjourn
- f. *Motion:* Moved by Lacy Strader to accept the director's report.
- g. **Motion carried.**

VII. Committee Report

- a. Budget/Finance Committee- Amanda, Nicole, Lacy, Ashley, Dan
- b. Policy Committee-Amanda, Nicole, Lacy, Dan, Monica
- c. Building Maintenance Committee- Amanda, Nicole, Lacy, Monica
- d. District Expansion Committee- Amanda, Nicole, Lacy, Ashley
- e. Ad Hoc Committee

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Announcements

- 1. Next meeting is June 16th, 2026

- X. Adjournment:** Lacy Strader made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 pm.
Motion carried.