

**MINUTES  
ELMHURST PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Tuesday, May 20, 2025  
Kossmann Room  
7:00 PM**

This meeting was held in the Kossmann Room.

President Marsha Baker called the May 20, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board members in attendance included: Ingrid Becton, Jane Chornij, Taylor Holop, Carol Jacobsen, Sue Sadowski, Bill Shanklin, and Cindy Wellwood.

Trustee Bill Ryan was absent.

Also in attendance were Library Director Mary Beth Harper and Assistant Director Marcy Rodriguez.

There were no visitors in attendance.

There was no public comment.

The first order of business was the approval of the Minutes of the April 15, 2025 Regular Board of Trustees Meeting. Trustee Shanklin moved:

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the April 15, 2025 Regular Board of Trustees Meeting  
be approved as presented.

Trustee Sadowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next order of business was the approval of the May 20, 2025 Accounts Payables. Trustee Chornij moved:

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the May 20, 2025 Accounts Payables be approved as presented.

Trustee Jacobsen seconded the motion. Director Harper answered several questions about the invoices. The motion carried.

Director Harper went over the financial reports. She answered several questions from the Board.

In the Director's Report, Ms. Harper reminded the Board of Trustees to cast their vote for EPL's new Bestie, the fabulous fox, by July 11. Each Library department submitted a name, and now patrons can vote on what they like best. This adorable mascot is going to be such a fun addition to our Library repertoire.

She also noted that the Summer Reading began on May 17th and ends on July 31st. All ages are invited to read and earn prizes. This year's theme is Level Up!

Director Harper mentioned that the summer edition of *Fine Print* is out. The fabulous Marketing team included an interactive section titled "Be a Local Tourist." Patrons are encouraged to play along and visit various cultural and tourist destinations in DuPage County.

She also stated that concrete work will begin soon on the center island in the parking lot. The aggregate concrete is being replaced with regular concrete to repair areas that are worn. The receiving room/garage floor will also be refinished with a durable, washable polyurethane coating for easier maintenance.

There was no President's Report.

The first order of Unfinished Business was the approval of bids for the patio renovation. Trustee Becton moved:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the bids for the patio renovation be approved as presented.

Trustee Jacobsen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next order of Unfinished Business was the intergovernmental agreement between the Elmhurst Public Library and the Elmhurst Park District regarding a temporary construction easement. Director Harper explained that she would schedule another day to have the agreement notarized since the notary did not attend the meeting.

The first order of New Business was the discussion about the 2026 budget preparation and schedule. Director Harper reviewed the budget process with the Board of Trustees.

There being no Other Business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.