



MINUTES

Board of Trustees Meeting
150 North Ottawa St
April 16, 2026, 6:00PM

1. Convene and Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Joliet Public Library was held on April 16, 2026. The meeting started at 6:00 PM with President Lynn Samalea presiding.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Gail Gawlik led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call of Trustees

Trustees present: Rohder-Tonelli, Bottomley, Gawlik, Harris, Gulas, Markley, Samalea.

Trustees absent: Henricksen.

Staff members present: Megan Millen, Jim Deiters, Dana Perry and Laura Yanchick.

4. Resolution honoring Emitra Ostrem

Bottomley moved and Rohder-Tonelli seconded to approve the resolution.

The motion passed unanimously with trustees Rohder-Tonelli, Bottomley, Gawlik, Harris, Gulas, Markley, and Samalea voting “aye.”

5. Agenda Revision and Approval

Markley moved and Harris seconded to approve the agenda.

The motion carried unanimously via voice vote

6. Minutes Review, Revision, and Approval

Trustee Board Meeting Minutes – February 19, 2026

MOTION: Gawlik moved and Bottomley seconded to approve the minutes from February 19, 2026. The motion passed unanimously with trustees Rohder-Tonelli, Bottomley, Gawlik, Harris, Gulas, Markley, and Samalea voting “aye.”

7. Treasurer’s Report

MOTION: Harris moved and Gulas seconded to accept and authorize for payment Accounts Payable for March 19th, 2026 in the amount of **\$167,882.94 and April 16th, 2026 in the amount of 364,837.49** Checks Written Since Last Board Meeting on February 19, 2026 - **\$659,639.01** and the Electronic Payroll Transfers on **2/27/2026 and 3/10/2026, 3/27/2026, 4/10/2026** - \$607,774.33
Total Accounts Payable \$1,800,133.77

The motion passed unanimously with the following Trustees voting “aye”: Rohder-Tonelli, Bottomley, Gawlik, Harris, Gulas, Markley, Samalea.

MOTION: Harris moved and Gawlik seconded to accept and file for audit the 2/28/2026 and 3/31/2026 Balance Sheet, the Report of Accounts, Cash Drawers. The motion passed unanimously with the following trustees voting “aye” Rohder-Tonelli, Bottomley, Gawlik, Harris, Gulas, Markley, Samalea.

8. Public Participation on Action Items – None.

9. Executive Director Report – Megan Millen

A complete Report was included in the Board Packet. Following are some of the highlights of her report:

Project Black Road Update: The Black Road renovation project is substantially complete, with only a few minor items remaining

Black Road Grand Reopening: A private reception and community open house were held on April 24 to celebrate the renovated branch.

DCEO Grant: The Library signed the agreement for the \$350,000 DCEO grant on April 2 and is awaiting payment before final construction bills are due.

10. Deputy Director Report – Jim Deiters

A complete Report was included in the Board Packet. Following are some of the highlights of his report:

Josh Philips Memorial Internship: A new college-level internship in Josh Philips' memory is planned for Fall 2026, pending Board approval.

PinCon will be held on August 7 at the Renaissance Center and Library meeting rooms. Planning is being coordinated through the PinOps group, and the event will host library colleagues from across the area in downtown Joliet.

Compensation Project: The recommended 2026 Salary Scale has been completed and is ready for Board review.

11. Unfinished Business – None.

12. New Business –

ACTION ITEMS-

Motion to Approve the 2026 Salary Scale

Harris moved and Markley seconded to approve the 2026 Salary Schedule
The motion passed unanimously with the following Trustees voting “aye”: Rohder-Tonelli, Bottomley, Gawlik, Harris, Gulas, Markley, Samalea.

Motion to Approve the Josh Phillips DMS Internship

Rohder-Tonelli moved and Harris seconded to approve the Josh Phillips DMS Internship
The motion passed unanimously with the following Trustees voting “aye”: Rohder-Tonelli, Bottomley, Gawlik, Harris, Gulas, Markley, Samalea.

Motion to Approve Trustee Reappointment Letter

Bottomley moved and Rohder-Tonelli seconded to approve the Reappointment letter
The motion passed unanimously with the following Trustees voting “aye”: Rohder-Tonelli, Bottomley, Gawlik, Harris, Gulas, Markley, Samalea.

13. Public Participation - None.

14. Staff Reports –

A full report from department managers was included in the Board Packet.

15. Announcements

Chairperson Samalea established a Bylaws Committee consisting of Elaine, Katie, Nancy and Gail.

16. Adjournment

MOTION: Bottomley moved and Gulas seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:42PM. The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Secretary, Kelly Rohder-Tonelli

Date