



MINUTES

Board of Trustees Meeting
3395 Black Road Joliet, IL.
May 21, 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 May 21, 2026. The meeting started at 6:00 PM with President Lynn Samalea presiding.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Katie Gulas led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Official Trustee Oath – Naurice Moffett

Board President Samalea administered the oath of office to new board trustee, Naurice Moffett.

4. Roll Call of Trustees

Trustees present: Markley, Moffett, Samalea, Gulas, Gawlik, Harris, Bottomley.

Trustees absent: Rohder-Tonelli, Henricksen

Staff members present: Megan Millen, Jim Deiters, Laura Yanchick, Angelo Storino.

Also present; Steve Becker, Kristine Schlismann, Tanya Rico and Barbara Moffett

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 – April 16, 2026

MOTION: Gawlik moved and Harris seconded to approve the minutes from April 16, 2026. The motion passed unanimously with trustees voting “aye” Markley, Moffett, Samalea, Gulas, Gawlik, Harris, Bottomley

7. Treasurer’s Report

MOTION: Harris moved and Bottomley seconded to accept and authorize for payment Accounts Payable for May 21st, 2026 in the amount of **\$124,022.53** Checks Written Since Last Board Meeting on April 16, 2026 - **\$57,022.86** and the Electronic Payroll Transfers on **4/24/2026 and 5/8/2026** - \$310,807.07

Total Accounts Payable \$501,852.46

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

MOTION: Harris moved and Gawlik seconded to accept and file for audit the 4/30/2026 Balance Sheet, the Report of Accounts, Cash Drawers. The motion passed unanimously with the following trustees voting “aye” Markley, Moffett, Samalea, Gulas, Gawlik, Harris, Bottomley

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 is complete, concluding a decade-long modernization effort of both library buildings. The Black Road Grand Reopening (April 24) was well attended by community members and dignitaries and supported by strong staff collaboration.

DCEO grant funds are pending final reporting requirements; reimbursement expected after submission

Leadership recruitment is in progress: Communications Manager and DMS Manager (applications received, interviews upcoming).

A program titled “Best Foot Forward: How to Ace Any Interview” has been accepted for presentation at the Illinois Library Association Conference in October.

10. Deputy Director Report – Jim Deiters

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

PinCon (All-Pinnacle Staff Event) will be held Friday, August 7 in downtown Joliet, featuring sessions at the Renaissance Center and breakout locations in City Square.

National Library Week 2026, themed “Find Your Joy,” showcased library programming and highlighted the importance of continued support for public libraries.

Star Wars Day will be held Saturday, June 6 at 11:00 AM, including a parade on Chicago Street and community activities such as vendors, performances, and food trucks.

11. Unfinished Business – None.

12. New Business –

ACTION ITEMS-

Motion to Approve Closed Session Resolution 2026-2

Harris moved and Gawlik seconded to approve Closed Session Resolution 2026-2. The motion passed unanimously with the following Trustees voting “aye”: Markley, Moffett, Samalea, Gulas, Gawlik, Harris, Bottomley

13. Public Participation - None.

14. Staff Reports –

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

15. Announcements

16. Closed Session to discuss pending or threatened litigation: A pending legal action against, affecting or on behalf of the Joliet Public Library or a similar legal action that is probable or imminent (5 ILCS 5/120/2(c)(11))

17. Adjournment

MOTION: Gawlik moved and Harris seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:34PM.
The motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Secretary, Kelly Rohder-Tonelli

Date