

Indian Prairie Public Library
Board of Trustees Minutes
Regular Meeting of May 20, 2026

**Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
May 20, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.**

A. Roll Call

Vice-President Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Secretary Palmisano called the roll. Present: Donald Damon, Marian Krupicka, Stacy Palmisano, Themis Raftis (arrived at 6:40 p.m.), Christina Rodriguez, Samia Wahab

Absent: Victoria Suriano

Staff Present: Laura Birmingham, Kristen Lawson, Maria Wlosinski, Jeanine Clinton, Jordan Calabrese

Others: none

Vice-President Rodriguez asked for additions and/or corrections to the agenda. There were none.

B. Mission Statement: Secretary Palmisano read the library mission statement. We enrich our community by providing opportunities to explore, connect, learn, and create.

Vision Statement: Secretary Palmisano read the library vision statement. People are inspired and empowered. Dreams are developed and realized.

Values Statement: Secretary Palmisano read the library values statement. We value and respect the individual. We empower and guide each visitor. We aspire to bring people together.

C. Public Comment

D. Communications and Announcements

1. Thank You from EJH Student Council
2. RAILS to Directors re: Accessibility Deadline
3. Foster to Popowitch re: AARP Tax-Aide
4. Popowitch to Foster re: AARP Tax-Aide
5. Keyes to Birmingham re: IPLAR Data
6. Birmingham to Keyes re: IPLAR Data
7. Keyes to Birmingham re: IPLAR Data
8. Patron Comment

E. Omnibus Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, April 15, 2026
2. Action on Bills/Additional Bills
3. Motion to Delete Executive Session Tapes from 1/17/24 and 10/16/24
Palmisano moved, Krupicka seconded to approve the Omnibus Consent Agenda. Ayes: Damon, Krupicka, Palmisano, Rodriguez, Wahab. Nays: none. Absent: Raftis, Suriano. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Items Deleted from Omnibus Consent Agenda - none

G. Library Director's Report

Birmingham attended the Borse Park Grand Re-Opening on May 14 and the park is phenomenal. Krupicka noted that the Volunteer Tea the library hosted on May 1 was a wonderful event. Palmisano said that the newsletter looks great. Birmingham noted that we are looking at changing what we currently do with the newsletter – our marketing department is exploring scenarios, and the Finance Committee will discuss at their June 9th meeting.

H. Department Reports

I. Staff Report – Jeanine Clinton, Resource Services Librarian/Technical Services Supervisor and Jordan Calabrese, Youth and Teen Resource Services Librarian spoke about the AISLE Awards. Every year AISLE (Association of Illinois School Library Educators) hosts readers' choice awards for students in grades K-12. The four reading levels are: Monarch Award is K-3rd grade, Bluestem Award is 3-5th grade, Rebecca Caudill Award is 4-8th grade, Lincoln Award is 9-12th grade. A committee of librarians, teachers, and high school students nominate twenty books for each of the four levels. Students get to vote to choose the best books in their level. IPPL hosts its own reading challenge – read all 20 books from the list for one of the age groups and get a free book. Calabrese explained the process for ordering the titles. We try to have five copies of each title available. Other formats include large type, Spanish, Read-Along, CD, Playaway, eBook, and eAudiobook. The titles also get added to our mid-kid and teen e-readers. Clinton explained the technical side including acquiring, receiving, and processing the titles. Krupicka commented that it's wonderful we have the titles in various formats. The Board thanked Calabrese and Clinton for the great job they do every year with the process.

J. Reports

1. Treasurer's Report – backup in packet.
2. LACONI Trustee Dinner – Rodriguez and Palmisano attended the dinner. They engaged with directors and trustees from other libraries and found the interactions very valuable.
3. Building and Grounds Committee – Krupicka reported that the committee met on 5/13. They discussed replacing the paper towel dispensers with hand dryers for the cost savings and to alleviate clogged plumbing issues. The committee walked the grounds and found that things looked very good aside from a few dead plants which Lawson will discuss with the landscaping company.
4. Building and Grounds Committee Minutes, 5/13/26 – Krupicka moved, Palmisano seconded to approve the Building and Grounds Committee Minutes 5/13/26. Ayes: Damon, Krupicka, Palmisano, Raftis, Rodriguez, Wahab. Nays: none. Absent: Suriano. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Finance Committee – no report
6. Planning/Outreach Committee – no report
7. Policy Committee – no report

K. Unfinished Business - none

L. New Business

1. Meet the Trustee Table at Summer Reading Kickoff, 6/6 – The Board agreed that Krupicka's idea to host a Trustee Table at the Summer Reading Kickoff is a great idea. Rodriguez, Krupicka, and Wahab volunteered.

M. Scheduled Meetings

1. Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled for June 9 at 6:30 p.m.

N. Adjournment

At 7:20 p.m. Damon moved, Wahab seconded to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: Damon, Krupicka, Palmisano, Raftis, Rodriguez, Wahab. Nays: none. Absent: Suriano. Motion carried unanimously.

Stacy Palmisano, Secretary