

**MESSENGER PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NORTH AURORA  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES Special MEETING MINUTES  
October 23, 2025**

**Call to Order:** President Saperston called the meeting of the Messenger Public Library of North Aurora Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 pm.

**Roll Call:** President Saperston, Vice President Cranford, Secretary Carlson, Trustee Bailey, Trustee McCoy, and Trustee Bogle.

Also attending: Director Shannon Halikias, Library Director. Trustee Tanya Berley (via Zoom), Wight and Company Representatives.

**Staff attending:** Department Head Dawn Ritter, Mary Malach, Michelle Kurczak.

**Public attending:** None

**Additions or changes to Agenda:** None

**Master Planning Progress:** Discussion

Lisa Schmidt of Wight and Company along with representatives discussed the progress on master planning. The progress and steps so far were reviewed including:

- Full building assessment for mechanical and structural aspects of the current facility, an evaluation of needs as well as anticipated costs.
- Rewriting of the capital needs plan
- Staff workshops and survey
- Public workshops and survey

Goals for the facility were presented and discussed after data gathering from patrons and staff. 8 goals have been developed to help with master planning.

Three concepts were presented for discussion including two styles of additions on the front of the facility, a renovation of the bookdrop, or a building addition on the back of the building with a bookdrop renovation.

Each concept would divide potential adaptations into three phases of work, to be staggered according to a future timeline and/or budget.

The concept of a rear addition with a bookdrop renovation (Option C) was the most favorable due to the ability to maintain operations during a renovation, and the ability to match the facility while reorganizing interiors. A rear addition would provide additional

space for more technology, outdoor spaces, more meeting and study spaces, and improve the front meeting room to double in size.

The bookdrop addition would be approximately 700 square feet and allow drive-up access.

The parking lot would be regraded and moved closer to the front entrances, allowing for better handicap parking and shorter walkway into the facility.

### **Master Planning – Action Required**

The Board moved to direct Wight to invest planning resources to develop Plan C for consideration.

**Motion:** A motion was made to approve option C by Trustee Katherine Bogle. Seconded: Trustee Carlson.

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: Seven (7) President Saperston, Vice President Cranford, Treasurer Berley, Secretary Carlson, Trustee Bailey, Trustee Bogle and Trustee McCoy. Nays: None. All in favor. Motion carried.

Adjournment: 8:50 PM (no recorded motion or second provided on this document)