

MESSENGER PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NORTH AURORA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
August 13, 2026

Call to Order: President Saperston called the meeting of the Messenger Public Library of North Aurora Board of Trustees to order at 7:04 pm.

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

Absent: None

Also attending: Director Shannon Halikias

Staff attending: Department Heads Michelle Kurczak, Mary Malach and Dawn Ritter.

Public attending: None

Additions or changes to Agenda: None

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes: July 9, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Trustee Bogle motioned to approve July 9, 2026; Regular Board meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Treasurer Berley. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comments: None

Communications: Director Halikias received a phone call from a concerned patron and conveyed the right for the public use of the library by impoverished patron. Shared for Trustee training and education.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Berley reported the following for the month of July.

A total net income reported in July of \$71, 329.95.

Expenses in the amount of \$174,224.09 were disbursed. Current assets total \$3,667,055.16.

Check numbers 19070-19117 and Electronic Funds Transfers in the amount of \$ 174,310.09. were written in July.

Trustee Bogle motioned to approve the Treasurer's report for July and file for audit. Seconded by Trustee McCoy. All in favor. Motion carried.

Library Directors Report:

Director Halikias provided a brief update for the month of July. The following were mentioned:

- Updates on building projects, new copiers, shed project, tree maintenance, new Adult Services Desk, Front door replacement, new projectors and screens and additional electric outlets installed.
- Per Capita Grant monies received.
- Reminder for SWAN Expo registration and Staff Development Day
- Updates on Trustee elections for April 2027.

Department Head Reports

Michelle Kurczak, Head of Youth and Teen Services, shared how busy the summer was, and staff will be attending all elementary and middle school welcome nights.

Mary Malach, Head of Circulation Services, shared that she delivered all the donations to Mutual Ground and they were grateful.

Dawn Ritter, Head of Adult Services, shared compliments from the true all ages summer challenge, as well as the department busy with projects, copiers, and staff changes.

Old Business

- Building Automation System Project-Discussion

Director Halikias provided an update to the schedule and project for the replacement of the building automation system and the change orders associated with the project.

- Shed Project-Discussion

Director Halikias provided updates and information regarding the shed project in the Director's report.

New Business

- Meeting Room Policy-Discussion and Action Required

Updates to the Meeting Room policy were presented and discussed including stricter restrictions on HOA utilization due to excessive demands and repeated incidents.

Treasurer Berley motioned to approve the Meeting Room policy as presented. Seconded by Trustee McCoy. All in favor. Motion carried.

- ILA Annual Conference-Discussion and Action Required.

The ILA Annual Conference is scheduled for October 6th through 8th in Peoria, Illinois. The schedule was shared with Trustees. If ample Trustees wish to attend the event, it is suggested to move the October Board meeting to an alternate date pending interest.

Trustee Comments:

Berley: Keep up the good work

McCoy: Nicely done with all summer events

Adjournment of Regular Meeting

Trustee Bailey motioned to adjourn the regular board meeting at 7:56 pm. Seconded by Secretary Carlson. All in favor. Motion carried.