

**Aurora Public Library District  
Meeting Minutes  
February 23, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Aurora Public Library District was called to order at 6:17 pm at the Aurora Public Library. In attendance were Ben Turner, Jack Sutton, Angela Burkhardt, Jascia Robinson, and Peggy Mix. Not in attendance were Terri Nicholson and Heather Tackitt. Also attending was Leslie Sutherlin, Director, and guests Laura Priebe, Joe Cigolotti, and Sarah Ankenbauer.

Jascia Robinson was sworn in for her second term.

Burkhardt made a motion and Sutton seconded to move Dolly Parton Imagination Library to the beginning of the agenda. Motion passed. Laura Priebe of Dearborn County's Dolly Parton Imagination Library shared information about the program.

Burkhardt made a motion to approve the January minutes and Mix seconded. Motion passed. Sutton made a motion and Robinson seconded to hold the claims until later until after new business. Motion passed. Sutton made a motion to accept the January Treasurer's Report and Robinson seconded. Motion passed.

Sutherlin shared her activity for the past month. Staff held a training on President's day. Sutherlin has been busy with the capital projects. For Dillsboro, she shared that discussions about landscaping are underway. The process to apply for a variance from the Town of Dillsboro. Sutherlin and Morath were trained by Jeff Meiners<sup>ders</sup> on the new lift station. The Caboose project will be starting after May 1. The tree has been pruned and the Historical Committee has been approached for the Certificate of Appropriations. Sutherlin reported she attended the Legislative Day was able to meet with legislators. She also reported annual inventory has been complete.


In Old Business, Sutton made a motion and Burkhardt seconded to approve the recent RJE FFE bills. Motion passed. Sutton made a motion and Mix seconded to add the latest krM bill to the agenda. Motion passed. Sutton made a motion and Mix seconded to approve the krM bill. Motion passed.

In New Business, Landscaping options for Dillsboro by Brumblay Gardens were shared. Robinson made a motion to approve and Burkhardt seconded. Sutherlin reviewed the progress of the 2024-2028 Long range plan. Sutton made a motion and Burkhardt seconded to add the GM Development disbursement bill for the Dillsboro Project. Motion passed. Sutton made a motion to approve and Robinson seconded. Motion passed. The February claims were reviewed; Sutton made a motion to approve and Mix seconded. Motion passed.

Sutton, Burkhardt, and Turner agreed to meet with Sutherlin in the coming month to begin her annual evaluation; Sutton and Sutherlin will connect on dates.

Having no patron comment, it was announced that the next meeting would be Monday, March 23, 2026, at 6:15 at the Aurora Public Library. Burkhardt made a motion to adjourn. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Leslie Sutherlin, acting secretary

  
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Jack Sutton

  
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Peggy Mix

  
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