

Minutes of the Aurora Public Library District

December 22, 2025

A meeting of the trustees of the Aurora Public Library District was called to order at 6:25 pm on December 22, 2025 at the 414 Second St. location. In attendance were Ben Turner, Jack Sutton, Angela Burkhardt, and Jascia Robinson. Not in attendance were Peggy Mix, and Terri Nicholson, and Heather (Tackitt) Ewald. Also in attendance was Leslie Sutherlin, Director and guest Sarah Ankenbauer.

The meeting opened with the minutes of previous meetings. Sutton motion and Robinson seconded to approve the November 24, 2025 regular meeting. Motion passed. Sutton motioned and Robinson seconded to approve the December 4, 2025 special meeting. Motion passed.

After reviewing the December claims, Sutton motioned and Robinson seconded, noting that the claims were incomplete and would be finalized at the January meeting. There was a question about the note of the Duke Energy line. Sutherlin reported the revenue which included the second installment of the Property Tax Distribution. Robinson motioned and Sutton seconded to accept the November Treasurer's report. Motion passed. Sutton motioned and Burkhardt seconded to authorize bills be paid through December 31, 2025. Motion passed. A resolution to pay 2025 bills was signed by trustees present.

Sutherlin shared her report. Sutherlin reported various staff trainings including the Annual report training. She also shared the APLD is once again an Institutional Member of Indiana Library Federation which allows for two trustees to have a free membership. Jamie Haney submitted paperwork for reimbursement for continuing education. Sarah Ankenbauer on behalf of APLD applied for and was awarded a Indiana Humanities Indiana Writing Workshop with Samuel Love which would be in Fall 2026. Morath and Sutherlin met with a representative from Trust Indiana and opened an account which provides another investment option. Sutherlin shared updates from the Dillsboro Project and the Depot caboose project. Sutherlin shared her meeting attendance, including the Southeastern Indiana Arts and Culture Plan for the Readi grant. She reported programming from the month, noting the elementary Bright Star Theater performance of Wizard of Oz was a success. She noted the Lawrenceburg Library Director contacted her that LPL will no longer allow reciprocal borrowers to use Libby and Hoopla. Sutherlin will be exploring adding the Hoopla option.

In old business, Burkhardt motioned and Sutton seconded to approve the Disbursement #8 regarding the Dillsboro Library project. Motion passed. Sutton motioned and Burkhardt seconded to approve the FFE Phase 2 and 3 orders for Dillsboro. Motion passed. Sutherlin presented the two server quotes. Sutton motioned and Robinson seconded to approve the Midwest Data quote. Motion passed.

In new business, Sutherlin presented employee compensation topics. Robinson motioned and Burkhardt seconded to accept the 2025 Year-end Bonus proposal. Motion passed. Sutton motioned and Burkhardt seconded to accept the 2026 Salary Schedule. Sutton motioned and Burkhardt seconded to approve a 3% COLA. Motion passed. The APLD Board bylaws were reviewed as required by our bylaws; Sutton motioned to accept and Robinson seconded. Motion passed. For 2026 board officers, Sutton motioned and Robinson seconded to approve the following slate: President—Ben Turner; Vice President—Jack Sutton; Secretary—Terri Nicholson; and Treasurer—Angela Burkhardt. Motion passed.

Having no public comment, Burkhardt motioned to adjourn to the APLD Foundation meeting at 7:24 pm.

Leslie
Sutherland, acting secretary

Terri Nicholson

Terri Nicholson, secretary

Barbara

Juli Zott

Jasica Robinson
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