

Aurora Public Library District
Meeting Minutes
April 27, 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 Local History Library at the Depot. In attendance were Ben Turner, Jack Sutton, Angela Burkhardt, Terri Nicholson, Jascia Robinson, and Peggy Mix. Not in attendance was Heather Tackitt. Also attending was Leslie Sutherlin, Director, and Lydia Morath, Business Manager.

Mix made a motion to approve the March minutes and Burkhardt seconded. Motion passed. Robinson made a motion to move the claims to after Old Business and Burkhardt seconded. Motion passed.

April LIT was reported and the Treasurer's report reviewed. Nicholson made a motion to accept and Robinson seconded. Motion passed.

Sutherlin shared she is working on the Indiana State Library Annual Report. She also shared communication that had been received. April was National Library Week which involved lots of renewing activities for staff. Sutherlin also reported multiple professional development opportunities done by the staff. She reported that Riley Barth and Bernadette Wismann have been hired to help during the summer. Sutherlin gave an update on the nearing completion of the Dillsboro Project and she shared closure dates for DPL so that the transition can be made into a 2-story library. Sutherlin also shared that many tasks have been completed with the Depot/Caboose project but there is some delay with official approvals from CSX. Sutherlin reported she submitted the Read Arts and Culture grant to assist in funding some of the Depot project, as well as fund a programming initiative that collaborates with the new pottery shop coming to Aurora. Sutherlin reported numerous other meetings and connections she has made in the past month. She reported the programming for the month, as well.

In old business, Sutton made a motion to approve the GM Development disbursement for the Dillsboro Project and Robinson seconded. Motion passed. Sutton made a motion and Burkhardt seconded to approve the RJE bill. Motion passed. Burkhardt made a motion to approve the Purposeful Design invoice and Mix seconded. Motion passed. Sutton made a motion and Nicholson seconded to approve the KPC Architectural Products invoice. Motion passed.

Sutton made a motion to accept the April claims and Mix seconded. Motion passed.

In New Business, Sutherlin shared that all board members need to complete the Internals Control training and submit forms to Lydia Morath. She also shared reminders of the "Short Takes" board training being offered by Indiana Library Federation. It was suggested she create a schedule to "bundle" the trainings and share with the Board. No action needed. Sutherlin also presented a Memorandum of Understanding to be made with Bennett Studios for a independent film company wanting to film in the Aurora library. Sutton made a motion to approve the MOU with amendments to include 2 staff members at the event and increase the cost to \$60/hour for the shooting on the very late night and Robinson seconded. Motion passed.

It was announced the next meeting would be Monday, May 18, 2026, at 6:15 pm at APL. Burkhardt made a motion to adjourn.

Terri Nicholson

Terri Nicholson, secretary

Paul Zitto

Gascia Robinson

Angelika Burkhardt

