

**Aurora Public Library District
Meeting Minutes
August 24, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Aurora Public Library District was called to order at 6:17 at the Aurora Public Library. In attendance were Jack Sutton, Angela Burkhardt, Terri Nicholson, Peggy Mix, and Jascia Robinson. Also attending was Leslie Sutherlin, Director, Lydia Morath, Business Manager, and guests Sarah Ankenbauer and Jamie Gibbs.

First order of business was the swearing in of Jamie Gibbs, who was appointed by the South Dearborn Community School Board. Her first full term will end August 31, 2030.

This meeting served as the Public Budget Hearing. Form 3: Notice to taxpayers concerning the budget hearing was submitted on August 14, 2026. Budget amounts for 2027 were set as followed: Operating Fund: \$1,176,769; Rainy Day: \$25,000; Library Improvement Reserve Fund: \$0. The Public Budget Adoption is scheduled for September 28, 2026.

Burkhardt made a motion and Robinson seconded to approve the July minutes. Motion passed. Burkhardt made a motion and Robinson seconded to hold the claims until after new business. Motion passed. The revenue was reported and the financial report was given. Nicholson made a motion Mix seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report which will be held for audit. Motion passed.

Sutherlin shared her monthly report. She reported the APLD Foundation had received \$10,000 from the United Way to install a permanent storywalk at a park in the district. Sutherlin will be meeting with the Park Board at Dillsboro next month. Sutherlin explored a company to create a branding guide and logo refresh. Cameron Harris, a SDMS student has started volunteering weekly. Brick orders for all three locations are being collected, though Dillsboro will be closing soon. During a severe storm, Dillsboro lost power and it was realized that we did not have any emergency lights after the renovation; Morath is working on improving that. Sutherlin shared punchlist items at Dillsboro that are being completed. Sutherlin has been discussing an art installation at Dillsboro in the empty flower bed. Sutherlin has requested an HVAC replacement schedule as those high dollar items will need updated in the coming year or two. Sutherlin reported Community meetings and events she had attended. She reported annual reviews have started. She reported the month's programs and updates on the collections.

In Old Business, the GM Development disbursement was below our threshold so though it was on agenda, it needed no action.

In New Business, Burkhardt made a motion and Nicholson seconded to pass the Resolution to join the state consortium for erate funding. Motion passed. Sutherlin presented the Job Description for the Local History & Genealogy Coordinator and it was the board consensus that it did not require board approval. Nicholson made a motion and Robinson seconded the accept the 2027 Anthem insurance rates as presented by the Don Leslie Insurance broker. Motion passed. Sutherlin presented a solar table that might go at DPL but action was tabled until more information could be shared. Robinson made a motion and Burkhardt seconded to approve the new building insurance with Seitz Insurance. Motion passed. Burkhardt made a motion and Robinson seconded to approve a branding/logo proposal by Branded by Woods. Motion passed.

Nicholson made a motion and Robinson seconded to approve the August claims. Motion passed.

Having no patron comments, Burkhardt made a motion to adjourn at 8:06 pm. The next meeting will be at the Aurora Public Library on Monday, September 28, 2026, at 6:15 pm. It will be the Public Budget Adoption.

Terri Nicholson, secretary

Julie E. Star

Gascia Robinson

Janice Gibbs

Peggy Mix
