

AGENDA/REGULAR MEETING
January 20, 2026
6:00p.m. 2nd Floor Conference Room

1. REGULAR MEETING – CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENT (Policy No: 1.10)

In accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the Ela Area Public Library Board of Trustees provides an opportunity for public comment at all board meetings. Please sign in by 6:00 p.m.

4. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

5. NEW BUSINESS I

- A. Community Solar/NIMEC
- B. Resolution Community Solar (Document + Action)

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting November 18, 2025 (Document)
- B. Approval to Close the Library for Staff Discovery Day on Friday, April 24, 2026

7. APPROVAL OF ITEMS MOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

8. TREASURER’S REPORT

- A. November 2025 (Document)
- B. December 2025 (Document)

Suggested Motion: I move to approve the November and December 2025 expenditures as authorized with the balance of the reports to be filed for audit.

9. TRUSTEE REPORTS/COMMENTS

10. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

- A. November and December 2025 Librarians’ Report
- B. FY2026 Construction Update
- C. Action Plan FY25/26

12. SPECIAL COMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS

- A. Executive Director Review (EDR) Liaison (President McCauley) (Document)
- B. Personnel Liaison (Vice-President Caudill)

- C. Finance Liaison (Treasurer Suykerbuyk)
- D. Building & Grounds Liaison (Trustee Steker)
- E. Bylaws & Policy Liaison (Trustee Sucec)
- F. RAILS Liaison (Trustee Gira)
- G. Foundation Liaison (Trustee Caudill)

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Board Self-Evaluation Discussion

14. NEW BUSINESS II

- A. Approval of Per Capita Grant Application (Document + Action)
- B. Approval of the Circulation Policy (Document + Action)
- C. Rescheduling of the March 2026 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees (Document + Action)
- D. Building and Grounds Critical Issues – Approval of Backup Generator Proposal (Document + Action)
- E. Approval of Trustee Expense Reports (Action)
- F. Department in Focus: Children's Department Tour

15. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL MATTERS BY 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)
- B. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE DISCUSSION OF PENDING, PROBABLE, OR IMMINENT LITIGATION AS ALLOWED BY 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)
- C. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE DISCUSSION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES AS ALLOWED BY 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)

16. ROLL CALL (If returning from Executive Session)

17. ADJOURNMENT