

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**January 29, 2026**

**6:00p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President McCauley called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

**2. ROLL CALL**

Trustees Present: Birner, Caudill, Gira, Steker, Sucec, Suykerbuyk, McCauley

A quorum is present.

Staff Attendance: Executive Director E. Christianson, Deputy Director N. Ziarnik

Public Attendance: S. Harrod

**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**

A. Building & Grounds Critical Issues – Approval of Backup Generator Proposal  
(Document + Action)

Trustee Sucec moved:

“I move to approve the purchase, installation, and commissioning of a Gillette SP-1500 natural gas generator by Charles Equipment Energy Systems at a cost not to exceed \$76,000.”

Trustee Gira seconded the motion, and it passed on a unanimous roll call vote of all trustees present.

AYES (7): Birner, Caudill, Gira, Steker, Sucec, Suykerbuyk, McCauley

NAYS (0):

ABSTAIN (0):

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment at 6:12pm

Trustee Caudill moved:

“To adjourn.”

Trustee Suykerbuyk seconded the motion and it passed on a unanimous voice vote of all trustees present.

AYES (7): Birner, Caudill, Gira, Steker, Sucec, Suykerbuyk, McCauley

NAYS (0):

ABSTAIN (0):

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Betty Birner, Secretary  
Approved at the next Regular Meeting of February 17, 2026

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Cathy McCauley, President