

MANHATTAN-ELWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES

240 Whitson Street * Manhattan * IL * 60442

BOARD MEETING

May 18, 2026

Call to Order Monthly Board Meeting – Meeting called to order at 4:49PM by President Murray

ROLL CALL: Present: (voting members): Sharon Gill- arrived at 5:22pm, Tom Murray, Patti Blatti, Keri English, Julie Mason

Library Staff: Ashley Hopper, Director; Marcy Juarez, Business/HR Manager

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

CHANGES TO AGENDA: None.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS: None.

MINUTES: Minutes from April 27, 2026, meeting were approved as amended. The motion to accept was made by Trustee English and seconded by Trustee Blatti. The motion was passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

FINANCIAL REPORTS: April 2026 financials were approved as presented. The motion was made by Trustee English, seconded by Trustee Blatti. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

PAYMENT OF SPECIAL BILLS: None.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Given by Director Hopper.

COMMITTEES:

- **IL Library Standards** (formerly Serving Our Public)- reviewed chapters 6-7 together.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Community Survey Participation** – discussed participating and possible questions to add.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Working Budget Draft** – A motion was made to approve the working budget by Trustee Blatti, seconded by Trustee English. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.
- **Bylaws Review and Revisions** – minor updates to include Elwood address and committee changes. A motion was made to approve changes made by Trustee English, seconded by Trustee Gill. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.
- **Trustee Library Visit Discussion** – Trustee Murray and Trustee Blatti both presented on their recent library visits to other branches to see what kinds of services are offered by other libraries

Board Comments:

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee English and seconded by Trustee Blatti at 5:45 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Marcy Juarez, Business/HR Manager