

Morris Area Public Library
August 10, 2026
Board of Trustees General Meeting Minutes
6:30 pm
Morris Area Public Library Conference Room

Minutes-

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

- a. Called to order at 6:30 P.M.
- b. Roll Call: Geiger, Keavney, Keegan, Peterson, and Russell were present. Ebert attended via Zoom after a vote. Cummings was absent.
- c. Motion to approve remote attendance for Ebert. Moved by Keavney and seconded by Russell. Approved 5-0
- d. Library Director Hanson was present, along with guests Burton, Fischer, Eallonardo, and Sargent.

2. Review of Agenda for Additions/ Changes:

- a. None

3. Construction Update- Eallonardo

- a. We have not reached final completion; there are still parts of the punch list to complete
 - i. Canopy for the door
 - ii. Several smaller items
- b. Need Authorization 2 and 3 to be signed.
 - i. Include items such as the bathroom door, data ports, paint, carpet, and fiberglass
- c. The lighting in the children's Department is still dark.
 - i. Authorization #4 will be submitted to install more lights to brighten the area.
- d. General Issues with the facility not related to construction
 - i. Several roof leaks are not related to new construction. They are near the computer area and juvenile fiction area.
 - 1. It is suggested that an Architect come out and make some recommendations on repairs. This is a high-priority library need.
 - ii. Water still comes in on the basement stairwell. It is located at the connection point of a former addition. This is located below the front door and will require some excavation. An Architect should come out and assemble a team with a civil engineer to address this issue.
 - iii. The rooftop HVAC has reached the end of its service life. Two units cannot run heating, and 1 unit does nothing at all. We made it through last winter but might not make it through this winter without the heating units. This will require a mechanical engineer.

4. Correspondence, Communications, and Public Comment

- a. A question from some moms about why there is a computer in the children's area.

5. Consent Agenda

- a. Keavney made a motion, seconded by Keegan, to approve the consent agenda as presented; it passed 6-0.

6. Director's Report

- a. Community
 - i. Hanson met with various community organizations at the Morris Nouryon Plant as part of their Community Advisory Panel.
 - ii. Hanson and Barowsky met with the Business Development Director, Community Affairs Director, and the Mayor to discuss the continuing relationship with the city and how we can best support each other.
 - iii. There is an upcoming Art Exhibit at the library on August 15 as part of the Liberty Street Arts Festival.
- b. Programs
 - i. There were good numbers for a variety of programs in July.
- c. Building
 - i. Narvick is working through the remaining punch list items while the architect and construction consultant continue to evaluate unexpected issues.
- d. Professional Development
 - i. Hanson attended the Rural Directors Group meeting and the Kewaunee Public Library on 7/17/26.

- ii. Hanson attended the PrairieCat Delegates' Assembly meeting on 7/29/26.
- e. Follow up
 - i. The annual audit has been rescheduled from August 11 to August 13.
- f. Other Information
 - i. No Policy Manual Appendices were changed in July
 - ii. Reminder of the Public Hearing for the annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance scheduled for Monday, August 17, 2026, at 6:30.
 - iii. Reminder of the upcoming trustee election cycle. For those who are interested in running (or re-running) for Library Board, the first day to circulate nominating petitions is August 25, 2026. These petitions must be completed and filed with Secretary Keegan between November 16 and November 23. The election will be April 6, 2027..

7. President's Report

- a. None

8. Vice President's Report

- a. None

9. Committee Reports

- a. **Finance Committee (Geiger)**
 - i. None
- b. **Facilities & Technology Committee (Ebert/Russell)**
 - i. None
- c. **Personnel & Policy Committee (Cummings/Keavney)**
 - i. None
- d. **Strategic Plan Committee (Keavney)**
 - i. None

10. Review of Illinois Library Standards - Barowsky (presented by Hanson)

- a. Information Services
 - i. Need to work on multilingual materials and opportunities.

11. Unfinished business

- a. Check in with Hanson on her new role as Director.
- b. Checked in with staff in attendance on how the transition is going.

12. New Business

- a. Secretary Audit Appointment
 - i. Russell and Peterson will form a committee to review previous years' minutes. They will meet Friday, August 14 at 1 PM.

13. Other

- a. None

14. Executive Session

- a. None

Executive session pursuant to 5ILCS 102/2: the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.

Executive session pursuant to 5ILCS 102/3: the selection of a person to fill a public office, as defined in this Act, including a vacancy in a public office, when the public body is given the power to appoint under law or ordinance, or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office when the public body is given the power to remove the occupant under law or ordinance.

15. Action on Executive Session

- a. None

16. Adjournment

- a. Keavney moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 P.M., and Keegan seconded.

_____, Board Secretary