



Approved June 17, 2026

Evanston Public Library Board of Trustees

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Date: May 20, 2026

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Main Library, Community Meeting Room, and Remote

1. Call to Order

President Tracy Fulce called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

A quorum was established.

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

- Samia Amamoo (Virtual)
- Arikpo Dada
- Tracy Fulce
- Jean Keleher
- Meghan Shea
- Michelle Mills
- Victoria Shire
- Esther Wallen

Board Members Absent:

- Catie Huggns

Staff Present:

- Heather Norborg
- Sameer Notta
- Jennifer Shreve

- Ellen Riggsbee
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2. Land Acknowledgment

The land acknowledgment was read by Trustee Victoria Shire.

3. Citizen Comment

- Aquila Bey
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Amended Agenda

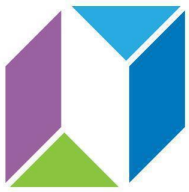
Motion: to allow virtual participation for Trustees.

- Moved by: Michelle Mills
 - Seconded by: Victoria Shire
 - Vote: 8–0 (Aye)
 - **Result:** Motion carried
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4. Consent Agenda

The following items were approved:

- A. Management Committee Meeting (April 15, 2026)
- B. Regular Board Meeting (April 15, 2026)
- C. Nominating Committee Meeting (April 27, 2026, and May 1, 2026)
- D. AdHoc Search Committee Meeting (April 29, 2026, May 6, 2026, and May 13, 2026)
- E. Communication Sub-Committee Meeting (May 5, 2026)
- F. DEIB Advisory Committee Meeting (May 12, 2026)
- G. Finance Committee Meeting (May 14, 2026)



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H. Approval of Bills and Payroll

Motion: Approve consent agenda

- Moved by: Meghan Shea
 - Seconded by: Esther Wallen
 - Vote: 8–0 (Aye)
 - **Result:** Motion carried
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5. Staff and Financial Reports

The following reports were distributed in advance:

- A. Library Director's Report
 - B. Administrative Services Report
 - C. Facilities Report
 - D. Monthly Development Report
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6. Board Committee Oral Reports

- A. President's Report
 - B. Finance Committee
 - C. Management Committee
 - D. Facilities Committee
 - E. DEIB Committee
 - F. Communications Committee
 - G. AdHoc Search Committee
 - H. Nominating Committee
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7. Old Business

- A. Meeting Practices & Parliamentary Procedure Guide (Discussion)
- B. Slate of Candidates - Nominating Committee Recommendation (Discussion & Action)

President: Michelle Mills
Vice President: Arikpo Dada, Tracy Fulce
Secretary: Jean Keleher, Esther Wallen
Treasurer: Victoria Shire

Motion: to approve the current slate with the following amendments.

President: Michelle Mills
Vice President: Arikpo Dada
Secretary
Treasurer: Victoria Shire

- Moved by: Esther Wallen
 - Seconded by: Meghan Shea
 - Vote: 8–0 (Aye)
 - **Result:** Motion carried
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Motion: to move items 8B to 8A and 8A to 8B on the agenda

- Moved by: Michelle Mills
 - Seconded by: Victoria Shire
 - Vote: 8–0 (Aye)
 - **Result:** Motion carried
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8. New Business

A. Values-based budgeting for Executive Director Search (Discussion & Action)

Motion: to remove the recommendation from the AdHoc Search Committee and create an RFP at the next noticed meeting.

- Moved by: Meghan Shea
- Seconded by: Michelle Mills
- Vote: 8–0 (Aye)
- **Result:** Motion carried



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B. AdHoc Search Committee Recommendation for Interim Executive Director Search & Executive Director Search (Discussion & Action)

Motion: to remove from the agenda item 8A.

- Moved by: Tracy Fulce
- Seconded by: Michelle Mills
- Vote: 8–0 (Aye)
- **Result:** Motion carried

C. Governance Leadership and Institutional Stewardship Summary

9. Executive Session

Motion: Enter Executive Session at 8:30 PM (personnel matters)

- Moved by: Michelle Mills
- Seconded by: Victoria Shire
- Vote: 8–0 (Aye)
- **Result:** Motion carried

Motion: Exit Executive Session at 9:35 PM

- Moved by: Michelle Mills
 - Seconded by: Meghan Shea
 - Vote: 8–0 (Aye)
 - **Result:** Motion carried
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Motion: A Special Board Meeting will be held on May 29 at 4:00 PM to discuss and possibly take action on the RFP.

- Moved by: Michelle Mills

- Seconded by: Victoria Shire
- Vote: 8—0 (Aye)
- **Result:** Motion carried

10. Adjournment

Motion: Adjourn the meeting

- Moved by: Michelle Mills
- Seconded by: Jean Keleher
- Vote: 8—0 (Aye)
- **Result:** Motion carried

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 PM.

Submission

Submitted by: Esther Wallen