Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Acorn Public Library
Library Meeting Room, Zoom Video Conferencing
September 9, 2026
Prepared by Dorothy Koll, Library Director

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

Call to Order
Roll Call

   A. Those present in person were Charles Howell, President, Jim Richmond, Secretary, Jackie Muscarella, Treasurer, Kim Lavin, Mary Walter, Brad Duff-Hudkins, Barb Rhodes Trustees. Also present was Dorothy Koll, Director.
   B. Quorum determined
   C. Recognition of visitors at meeting –None
   D. Approval of agenda.

Brad Duff-Hudkins made a motion and Mary Walter seconded to approve the agenda.

Voice Vote:
Ayes: Brad Duff-Hudkins, Jim Richmond, Kim Lavin, Charles Howell, Jackie Muscarella, Mary Walter, Barb Rhodes
Nays: None
Motion carried

   E. Public Comments-None

2. Consent Agenda
   A. Approval of August 12, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
   B. Treasurer's Report
   C. Approval of Bills
   D. General Fund Income and Disbursement Report
   E. Monthly Staff Reports
   F. Committee Reports

Jim Richmond made a motion and Mary Walter seconded to approve the Consent Agenda.

Consent Agenda

Voice Vote:
Ayes: Brad Duff-Hudkins, Jim Richmond, Kim Lavin, Charles Howell, Jackie Muscarella, Mary Walter, Barb Rhodes
Nays: None
Motion carried

New Business

3. New Business

   A. Enact Budget and Appropriation Ordinance No. 26-02

Brad Duff-Hudkins made a motion and Jackie Muscarella seconded to enact ordinance 26-02, the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Brad Duff-Hudkins, Jim Richmond, Kim Lavin, Charles Howell, Jackie Muscarella, Mary Walter, Barb Rhodes
Nays: None
Motion carried

B. Authorize Posting and Publication of Certified Copy of Budget and Appropriation Ordinance

Kim Lavin made a motion and Mary Walter seconded to authorize the posting and publication of the certified copy of the budget and appropriation ordinance.

Voice Vote:
Ayes: Brad Duff-Hudkins, Jim Richmond, Kim Lavin, Charles Howell, Jackie Muscarella, Mary Walter, Barb Rhodes
Nays: None
Motion carried

C. Discussion and Consideration of Ordinance 26-03, a Transfer Authorizing the Transfer of Funds from the General Corporate Fund to Building Bund for Reimbursement Purposes

Brad Duff-Hudkins made a motion and Mary Walter seconded to enact ordinance 26-03, a Transfer Authorizing the Transfer of Funds from the General Corporate Fund to Building Bund for Reimbursement Purposes.

Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Brad Duff-Hudkins, Jim Richmond, Kim Lavin, Charles Howell, Jackie Muscarella, Mary Walter, Barb Rhodes
Nays: None
Motion carried

D. Enact Certificate of Estimated Revenue

Jim Richmond made a motion and Jackie Muscarella seconded to enact the certificate of estimated revenue.

Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Brad Duff-Hudkins, Jim Richmond, Kim Lavin, Charles Howell, Jackie Muscarella, Mary Walter, Barb Rhodes
Nays: None
Motion carried
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E. Discussion and Consideration of upcoming library closures December 4, 2026, December 27-28, 2026, and March 28, 2027

Brad Duff-Hudkins made a motion and Mary Walter seconded to approve closing the library on December 4, 2026, December 26-27, 2026 (as amended) and March 28, 2027.

Voice Vote:
Ayes: Brad Duff-Hudkins, Jim Richmond, Kim Lavin, Charles Howell, Jackie Muscarella, Mary Walter, Barb Rhodes

Old Business

Correspondence

Open Forum

Executive Session

Adjournment

Nays: None
Motion carried

4. Old Business
    A. Discussion of FY27 Illinois Per Capita Grant Requirements

5. Correspondence-None

6. Open Forum-

Dorothy thanked the board for allowing the library to close during the August heat wave. She assured the board that the project was on scheduled to be completed in early October.

7. Executive Session-None

8. Adjournment

Mary Walter made a motion and Kim Lavin seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Voice Vote:
Ayes: Brad Duff-Hudkins, Jim Richmond, Kim Lavin, Charles Howell, Jackie Muscarella, Mary Walter, Barb Rhodes
Nays: None
Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

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James J. Richmond, Secretary

Dated: _____
_____, 2026