

Hillsdale Community Library Board of Trustees
May 4 2026 at 5:00 pm | 11 E. Bacon St, Hillsdale, MI 49242

- I. Call to Order
 - A. President George Allen called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.
- II. Roll Call
 - A. Present: George Allen (President), Elyse Apel (Secretary), Joshua Paladino (Trustee), Eric Moore (Trustee), and Rebekah Dobski (Director).
 - B. Absent with notice: Jaminda Springer (Vice President)
- III. Approval of Agenda
 - A. Paladino moved to approve the agenda. Moore seconded the motion. All in favor: 4-0.
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - A. [Minutes of 2026.03.02](#)
 1. Moore moved to approve the minutes. Paladino supported the motion. All in favor: 4-0.
- V. Visitor Comments
- VI. Director's Report
 1. Dobski updated on a slight drop in circulation due to library closure during carpet replacement. She said the library is also ready for the summer reading program.
 - B. Balance Sheet, Library Fund
 1. \$58,000 for carpet replacement. Will be approved by city council.
 - C. Revenue and Expenditure Report
 1. Meeting room rental is going well and revenue is coming in as expected, though one large payment is still in the process of coming through.
- VII. Communications
 - A. Communication from the Friends of the Library
 1. Struggling to get engagement. Beginning letter drive.
- VIII. Old Business
 - A. Carpet Replacement
 1. YA ended up being larger than intended and some stacks ended up not being in the correct place. The staff is shifting books around to mitigate the issue.
 - B. Capital Improvement Committee

1. Dobski sought clarification on what should be in the RFP—which she has yet to put together. The board encouraged her to move forward with it to get more quotes and a better idea of the scale of the project.
2. Discussion of how long-term maintenance on the library building should be handled. Dobski will reach out to city staff to confirm if DPS should be checking the HVAC and roof for a three-year trajectory on their lifespan as part of the CIP.

C. Library Director Annual Evaluation

1. Allen will be working on the report this month to present at the next meeting.

IX. New Business

X. Visitor Comments

XI. Board Comments

XII. Next Meeting Date - June 1, 2026, at 5 p.m.

XIII. Adjournment

- A. Paladino moved to adjourn the meeting. Moore seconded. All in favor: 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.