

Belleville Area District Library
Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2026

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Sharon Peters called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.
2. **Roll Call:** The following board members were present: Joy Cichewicz, Maria Jackson-Smith, John Juriga, Sharon Peters, and Linda Priest.
Also present: Library Director Mary Jo Suchy, Library Assistant Director Hilary Savage.
Excused: Dan Fleming and Tanya Stoudemire.
3. **Approve Agenda:** Motion by Priest, seconded by Juriga, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **Approve April 14, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Priest, seconded by Juriga, to approve the April 14, 2026, meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
5. **Public Comments:** None.
6. **Committee Reports:**
 - A. **Building:** No Report
 - B. **Bylaws:** Suchy reported the proposed bylaws were approved by the library's attorney. The Bylaws Committee will schedule a meeting to discuss before presenting the proposal to the Board.
 - C. **Finance:** Suchy presented the 9-month budget update. Juriga expressed concern about outside maintenance costs in the future for the parking lot jointly owned by the City. The possibility of discussing the contract with City once they have settled into their new building was discussed.
 - D. **Outreach:** No Report
 - E. **Personnel:** No Report
 - F. **Policy:** Suchy presented an update to the library's Freedom of Information Act Procedures and Guidelines to change the official email address listed. Cichewicz moved to approve the update to the policy, seconded by Priest. The motion carried unanimously.
 - G. **Art:** No Report
7. **Approve Accounts Payable:** Motion by Cichewicz, seconded by Jackson-Smith, to approve the accounts payable as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
8. **Director's Report:** See attached.
9. **Trustee Comments:**

Juriga: Asked about the library's beehives. One hive survived the winter.

Cichewicz: Lost both of her personal hives.

Jackson-Smith: Has been very busy with work and her family.

10. Chair Comments: Is thankful for the library Board and staff and how helpful everyone has been since her surgery.

11. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Juriga, seconded by Priest. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.