

Rockford Public Library
Board of Trustees
Financial Planning & Properties Committee

Monday, August 24, 2026, 5:30 pm
Boardroom, RPL Main Branch
215 N. Wyman St

MINUTES

Members present: Paul Logli, Michael Laskonis, Lafa Reuter

Member Absent: Cesar Sanchez

Other members present: Molly Brauns

Staff present: Anthony Cortez, Andrew Fischer, Anne O'Keefe, Mary Pat Muzzarelli

Others Present:

With a quorum present, Finance Chair Paul Logli called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Public Speakers: None.

1. Monthly Financial Statements: Executive Director Cortez presented Financial Statements to the Board for the month ending July 2026. Discussion followed. The Financial Statements were accepted subject to audit.
Executive Director Cortez presented the 2027 Budget Preview to the committee. Discussion followed.
2. Approve Architectural Services for 4100 E. State Street [action]: Executive Director Cortez asked the committee to approve the use of Larson & Darby for architectural services at 4100 E. State St. Larson & Darby has already completed phase one of the project, which provided remodel estimation drawings to inform the decision to purchase 4100 E. State Street, and were paid for their services. Phase 2 is the actual buildout. Chairperson Logli requested an estimate from Director Cortez for the professional services, and one was provided.
Having already established a relationship with Larson & Darby, Director Cortez requested the Committee to affirm that they will waive an RFP process, pursuant to RPL policy 6.2 of the library, based on the already established relationship with the firm and doing so being in the best interest of the Library. Discussion followed.
Finance Chair Logli proposed a motion stating it is in the best interest of the Library to proceed with the professional services of Larson & Darby in an amount not to exceed \$70,000. The motion was approved by Michael Laskonis and seconded by Lafa Reuter.
With a unanimous Roll Call Vote, the motion passed.
3. Old Business-None
4. New Business-None

With no further business before the committee, Chairman Logli adjourned the meeting at 5:44 p.m.

Next Financial Planning & Properties Committee Meeting will be held Monday, September 28, 2026, at 5:30 pm in the Boardroom, Rockford Public Library, Main Branch, 215 N. Wyman Street. Rockford, IL 61101

Respectfully,
Mary Pat Muzzarelli, Recorder