

MORTON PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
January 21, 2026

ROLL CALL

The Morton Public Library District Board meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm. Director Williams and all board members, Turner, Hilliard, Ropp, Mousty, Riesberg and Thompson were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MINUTES

The minutes from the December 17, 2025 Board Meeting were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mousty reported that a Better Banks CD is coming due and will be renewed for 13 weeks. He will meet with Director Williams in the first week of February to review Treasurer reports and other duties. Turner inquired about whether there are alternative ways to present financial data in easier to digest reports for board members without a financial background, especially as the board looks towards a potential building project. Williams and Mousty will take this under advisement for the future. **Ropp moved and Mousty seconded that the January bills be paid. A roll call vote was held. The motion carried unanimously.**

January 2026	
Invoices Paid	\$45,255.28
Ameren Illinois	568.76
I3 Broadband	392.81
Morton Utilities	598.64
Total Bills:	\$46,815.49
Director	7,620.62
Staff	39,916.84
Payroll Total:	\$ 47,537.46
Employer IMRF	\$4,182.25
Employer FICA	\$3,636.59

NEW BUSINESS

Turner presented tips from RAILS Director Evaluation webinar. The board agreed that the information will be helpful in conducting the current evaluation and may be useful for developing evaluation tools in the future. One particular takeaway was the idea of conducting a board evaluation as well.

[Director Williams left the meeting.]

CLOSED SESSION

Turner moved and Thompson seconded to enter Closed Session in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act, Section 2c for the purposes of the *appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.* The motion carried and the board entered closed session at 4:43 pm.

Hilliard moved and Riesberg seconded to adjourn Closed Session at 6:52 pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Ropp moved and Riesberg seconded a 3% increase in the Director's salary effective February 1, 2026. A roll call vote was held. The motion carried unanimously.

Riesberg and Hilliard will meet with Director Williams to discuss the Evaluation.

OTHER BUSINESS

Turner and Thompson visited the Metamora Library, and Turner visited the Normal Library. Turner is developing a checklist that can be utilized on future library visits. It was suggested that the board divide up a list of libraries to visit as an initial stage of considering a possible building expansion.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather W. Thompson, Secretary

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.