

Executive Session Minutes

Consider the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body

Ella Johnson Memorial Library District

July 28, 2025:

Executive Session Entered at: 8:03 PM

Members in attendance: Linda Wallace, Pat Dumoulin, Judy Pokorny, Suzanne Lattanzio, Kim Alberth, Kathy Eller

Members Absent: Morgan Kolecke

Non-Members in Attendance: Stephen Bero, Executive Director

5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) – Consider the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body

The Board provided Trustee Kathy Eller with background information regarding prior discussions about the Burlington property held in previous executive sessions. The Board discussed Cindy Jerger's impressions of the property following Doug Pfiffer's assessment, which aligned with the Board's overall perspective.

Suzanne will remain in contact with the realtor, Carlos, regarding any available properties suitable for Library use. MaryKay Welles is also coordinating with Stephen to monitor potential opportunities. The Board explored the possibility of renting property to support Library programming

Kelly from the Basset Hound Rescue reached out to Stephen regarding the Blue House adjacent to their property, which is currently for sale. After review, the Board determined the property is too small and not ADA-compliant, making it unsuitable for Library use.

The Board discussed initiating a long-term strategic planning process, including conducting a SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats). Members emphasized the importance of engaging with the district community and rebuilding trust prior to proposing another referendum.

Motion to adjourn by Suzanne Lattanzio, second by Pat Dumoulin

Ayes: Trustees Linda Wallace, Pat Dumoulin, Judy Pokorny, Suzanne Lattanzio, Kim Alberth, Kathy Eller

Nays: None

Executive Session Adjourned: 8:53 PM

No actions will be taken at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Alberth, Board Secretary