



Illinois Heartland Library System

IHLS Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

August 25, 2026 at 5:00 PM

Edwardsville Office

6725 Goshen Road, Edwardsville, IL 62025

Meeting Attendance & Participation

Other Ways to Attend

You may also attend the meeting via video conference at the following locations or via Zoom:

- **Carbondale Office:** 1840 Innovation Dr Room 106R, Carbondale, IL 62903, 618-985-3711
- **Champaign Office:** 1704 West Interstate Dr, Champaign, IL 61822, 217-352-0047
- **C.E. Brehm Memorial Public Library:** 101 South Seventh St, Mount Vernon, IL 62864, 618-242-6322
- **Decatur Public Library:** 130 N. Franklin Street, Decatur, IL 62523, 217-424-2900
- **Effingham Public Library:** 200 North Third Street, Effingham, IL 62401, 217-342-2464
- **Illinois State Library:** Gwendolyn Brooks Building, 300 South Second St, Springfield, IL 62701, 217-782-2994
- **Via Zoom:** <https://illinoisheartland.zoom.us/j/667226270?pwd=eTc0dWk1SVlSQWJ6cXB0M0xzdzlZz09>

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Agenda Topics

1. Call Meeting to Order – Kristy Walker

- A. Roll Call (Action required) – Stacie Bushong
- B. Chair's Welcome (Information Only) – Kristy Walker

2. Consent Agenda (Action required) – Kristy Walker

- A. Approval of July 28, 2026, Minutes (Action Required) (Attachment 2A)
- B. Staff Activity Update (Action Required) (Attachment 2B)

IMAGINING **TOMORROW**, DELIVERING POSSIBILITIES **TODAY!**

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3. Accounting

- A. Acceptance of July Bills (Action Required) (Attachment 3A) - Rhonda Johnisee
- B. July 2026 Financial Report (Information Only) (Attachment 3B) - Rhonda Johnisee

4. Compliance (Information Only)

- A. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) - Kristi Lear
- B. Open Meetings Act (OMA) - Linda McDonnell

5. Public Comment (Information Only)

6. Illinois State Library Report

7. Communication (Information Only)

- A. Board Learning (Attachment 7A) – Stacie Bushong
- B. FY2027 Board Meetings (Attachment 7B) – Leslie Bednar
- C. Board Members and Mentees (Attachment 7C) – Leslie Bednar
- D. Board Member Participation (Attachment 7D) – Kristy Walker
- E. FY2026 Annual Meeting – Leslie Bednar
- F. Board Parliamentary Training (Attachment 7F) – Kristy Walker
- G. Financial Report Training (Attachment 7G) – Leslie Bednar

8. Human Resources

- A. Staff Report (Action Required) (Attachment 8A) - Leslie Bednar
- B. Personnel (Action Required)
This portion of the meeting may be held in executive session pursuant to Section 5 ILCS 120 2(C)(1).

9. Committee Reports (Information Only)

- A. Executive
- B. Advocacy and Education – committee did not meet

10. Partner Reports (Information Only)

- A. Association of Illinois School Library Educators (AISLE) – Leah Gregory
- B. Illinois Library Association (ILA) (Attachment 10B)
- C. Illinois State Library Advisory Committee (ISLAC)

11. Unfinished Business

- A. Advocacy & Education Committee (Action Required) (Attachment 11A) – Cassandra Thompson

12. New Business

- A. FY2027 Ethics Commission (Action Required) (Attachment 12A) – Leslie Bednar
- B. FY2027 Member-at-Large Recommendation (Action Required) – Kristy Walker
- C. FY2027 Budget Amendment (Action Required) (Attachment 12C) - Leslie Bednar

- D. IHLS Fiscal Planning: Funding Commitments (Information Only) (Attachment 12D) – Leslie Bednar
- E. FY2028 Nominating Committee (Action Required) (Kristy Walker) (Attachment 12E)
- F. Agenda Building (Action Required)

13. Public Comment (Information Only)

14. Announcements

- A. The next meeting is September 22. Please register in [L2](#) and be sure to check email frequently for schedule changes.

15. Adjournment