

AKRON-SUMMIT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 2, 2026

President John Frola called the special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Akron-Summit County Public Library to order at 4:32 p.m. in the Lolita K. Adair Board Room of Main Library. The following members of the Board answered the roll call: Joseph Ferrise, John Frola, Jr., T.K. Griffith, William Rich, Bernie Rochford and Ray Weber. Angela Neeley was absent. Present from Library staff was Heather Otto and Michelle Alleman.

Mr. Rich moved, seconded by Mr. Ferrise, to adopt the agenda as amended to omit the executive session. The motion was adopted without dissent. 26-19
AGENDA

Mr. Rochford read the report of the Personnel Committee.

REPORT OF
PERSONNEL
COMMITTEE

On Friday, January 30, 2026, the Personnel Committee met in Meeting Room 3 at Main Library. Committee Chair Bernie Rochford called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. Also in attendance were Committee members William Rich, Ray Weber and John Frola. Joseph Ferrise was also present. Library staff member Heather Otto also attended.

Mr. Rich moved to adopt the agenda as distributed. The motion was adopted without dissent.

Mr. Rich moved to go into Executive Session at 11:31 a.m. to consider the appointment of a public employee. A roll call vote was held, which resulted in a unanimous decision as follows: Mr. Frola – Yes; Mr. Rich – Yes; Mr. Rochford – Yes; Mr. Weber – Yes.

The Personnel Committee returned to public session at 2:01 p.m.

Mr. Rich moved that the Personnel Committee recommend to the Board that Michelle Alleman be appointed Executive Director at a salary of \$168,000 per year. The motion was adopted without dissent and now comes as a recommendation to the Board.

26-20
APPOINTMENT OF
EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR

Mr. Frola asked for a roll call vote, resulting in a unanimous decision as follows: Mr. Ferrise – Yes; Mr. Frola – Yes; Mr. Griffith – Yes; Mr. Rich – Yes; Mr. Rochford – Yes; Mr. Weber – Yes.

The Board Trustees confirmed that Michelle Alleman’s appointment will be effective February 3, 2026.

Next, the Committee discussed the salary for the Facility Director position.

With no further business, Mr. Rochford adjourned the meeting at 2:08 p.m.

With no further business, Mr. Frola adjourned the meeting at 4:37 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

President

Secretary