

ABRAHAM LINCOLN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025 – 12:00 PM
Illinois Room, 555 W Monroe, Chicago, IL
and
Governor's Conference Room, 112 N 6th St, Springfield, IL

Call to Order

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 12:01 pm and asked that the roll be called.
Executive Assistant, Pam Waldeck called the roll.

Trustees Present

Chicago

Gary Johnson, Chair
Joan Brodsky
Jessica Harris
Jason Lesniewicz
Melinda Spitzer Johnston
Martin Sandoval

Springfield

Katheryn Harris
Tiffany Mathis Posey

Virtual/Phone-in Attendance

Steven Beckett
Dan Monroe

Absent

Eunice Santos

A quorum was present.

Staff Present

Chicago

Mark Mahoney, Chief of Staff
Christen Stanley, Chief Operating Officer
Gloria Legette, Chief Legal Counsel
Tammy Miner, Chief Fiscal Officer
Pam Waldeck, Executive Assistant

Springfield

Chris Wills, Communications Director

Marlene Allen, Human Resources Director
Davina Hughes, Acting Chief Legal Counsel

Guests Present

Rusty Jones
Lauren Dodge

Public Comments

Chairman Johnson opened the floor for public comments.
Public comments were presented by Rusty Jones.

Chairman Report

Chairman Johnson held a moment of silence in honor of Jonathan Shutt who passed away on May 27, 2025.

Consent Items

Chairman Johnson requested a motion to approve the January 15, 2024, minutes.

*Trustee Kathryn Harris motioned to approve the January 15, 2025, minutes. Trustee Jessica Harris seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.***

Chairman Report

Expressed his thanks to ALPLM staff for their hard work and stepping up to the plate in service.

Administrative Reports

Chief of Staff Report

COS Mark Mahoney reported on staff retention and growth and the Lincoln Historian position posting.

There was an update on the solar panel's installation in the parking garage.

COS Mahoney reported that the Mary Lincoln's Garden project has been completed and there will be a park dedication on July 10th and an announcement and invitation would be sent out soon.

Chief Operating Officer Report

COO Christen Stanley briefly updated the board on the recent opening of the latest exhibit Lincoln: Sight, Sound & Touch and that it was a great success.

COO Stanley reminded the board that the Emancipation Proclamation will be on exhibit beginning on Friday, June 13th for two weeks.

Chief Legal Council Report

CLC Gloria Legette gave a brief report and thanks to the board for their Statement of Economic Interest reporting requirements.

CLC Legette spoke on the process for accessing trainings and options to complete the required annual Ethics trainings.

Finance Report

CFO Miner brought the Board's attention to her report in the distributed materials for the group and gave general explanations on those materials. A brief discussion followed.

New Business

Discussion and Vote on the Hostick Trust Fund and the ALPLM Public Trust Fund

- *Trustee Martin Sandoval motioned to approve the FY26 Hostick Trust Fund Budget and the FY26 ALPLM Public Trust Fund as proposed. Trustee Tiffany Mathis Posey seconded the motion. **Motion carried.***

Discussion and Vote on the ALPLM Development Policies

- *Trustee Steven Beckett motioned to approve the Development Policies with the following language:
The ALPLM Development Division policies and guidelines are set forth in the draft dated March 24th, 2025, are subject to the possible review by the Illinois Attorney General's Office Charitable Decision.
Trustee Jessica Harris seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.***

Executive Session

*Chairman Johnson requested a motion to move to closed session. Trustee Steve Beckett made a motion to enter executive session to discuss matters involving 5IL CS120/2C1 Trustee Tiffany Mathis Posey seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.***

Old Business

None

New Business following Executive Session

Upon calling the meeting back to order Chairman Johnson asked if there were any other motions to be made.

- *Trustee Melinda Spitzer Johnston motioned to renew Executive Director Christina Shutt's contract, with the following language:
In gratitude for the continuing service of Christina Shutt to the ALPLM and the State of Illinois, the Board of Trustees of the ALPLM hereby renews her contract dated March 3, 2021, with a salary at her current level of \$280,500 and, in keeping with State of Illinois policy, a term beginning January 1, 2025, and ending January 18, 2027.
Trustee Martin Sandoval seconded the motion. **Motion Carried Unanimously.***

Adjournment

*With no further business, Chairman Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Motion was unanimously seconded. **Motion Carried.***

Meeting adjourned at 1:15pm.