NORTHLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY AUTHORITY
Finance Committee MEETING – Held in person and virtually, using Microsoft Teams
May 14, 2026, 7 pm

AGENDA

I. **Call to Order:** Sample called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Casey Sample, Mike Smith, Alan Cech, Amanda DeKnight, Bob Lukitsch, Annemarie Lamperski, Courtney Bonnet, Zachary Filous.

II. **Comments from the Public:** None.

III. **New Business:**

A. **Budget Assumptions for 2027**: Budget Assumptions used for the creation of the 2027 budget were shared by the Finance Director and Executive Director. External sources of funding were reviewed including state subsidy, RAD and Table gaming which may remain flat for the year or include small increases. NPL's internally generated revenues are assumed to be approximately even to last year. Expenditures in the area of Wages may need to increase as the State is taking an even closer look at increasing minimum wage to $15/hr. Utilities, building repairs and maintenance are all expected to be higher this year due to the large space addition, especially among restroom soap and paper resources due to a larger number of people in the building. E-resource collection costs have been increasing at large rates over last year, which will be hitting all library budgets this year.
B. **2026 Library Audit:** The audit was successfully completed by McCall, Scanlon and Tice, LLC in April of 2026. The firm had previously presented the results to the entire library board at the April board meeting. The Audit was submitted to ACLA as required.
C. **2026 Budget Update**: E-resource prices were mentioned as an on-going challenge. The observation was made that we could do with some user education from our MarCom department about the cost of these resources to the public. The library is starting off with some headwinds to meet the 2026 budget this year, including unexpected snow removal costs, additional cleaning costs, and the ED search firm costs.

IV. **Unfinished Business:** None.

V. **Approval of September 11, 2025 meeting minutes:** Motion to approve, duly made by Bob Lukitsch, and carried by with 1 yes and 7 abstentions.

VI. **Comments from the Public:** None.

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VII. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn duly made by Alan Cech, and seconded by Annemarie Lamperski, and unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

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