

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2026, Legislative Day No. 15

Resolution No. 25-26

Introduced by Ms. Hummer, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

By the County Council, July 20, 2026

1 RESOLUTION confirming nominations to the Board of Trustees of The Public Library
2 Association of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, Incorporated

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4 WHEREAS, pursuant to its Twenty-Second Amendment and Complete
5 Restatement of the Bylaws dated May 15, 2025 (the “Bylaws”), the Board of
6 Trustees of The Public Library Association of Annapolis and Anne Arundel
7 County, Incorporated (“AACPL”) includes up to eight members who are nominated
8 by the County Executive and confirmed by resolution of the County Council for
9 presentation to and appointment by the Board of Trustees; and

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11 WHEREAS, the Bylaws further provide that seven of the eight members nominated
12 by the County Executive and confirmed by resolution of the County Council shall
13 represent each of the County’s councilmanic districts, and the eighth member shall
14 be at-large; and

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16 WHEREAS, as stated in the Bylaws, the term of a member of the AACPL Board
17 of Trustees is 3 years; and

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19 WHEREAS, as stated in the Bylaws, any new trustee filling the seat of a trustee
20 who resigns shall serve out the term of the resigning trustee and thereafter may
21 serve no more than three consecutive 3-year terms; and

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23 WHEREAS, the terms of Laura Ellis (a resident of District 1), Faith Steele (a
24 resident of District 2), J. Robert Sapp (a resident of District 3), James Estepp (a
25 resident of District 4), Noah Comet (a resident of District 5), and Cathy Belcher (a
26 resident of District 7) ended on June 30, 2025, and they are eligible to serve
27 additional terms; and

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29 WHEREAS, the County Executive has nominated Laura Ellis (a resident of
30 District 1), Faith Steele (a resident of District 2), J. Robert Sapp (a resident of
31 District 3), James Estepp (a resident of District 4), Noah Comet (a resident of
32 District 5), and Cathy Belcher (a resident of District 7) to serve as members of the
33 AACPL Board of Trustees for 3-year terms ending on June 30, 2028; and

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35 WHEREAS, the term of Dylan Behler (a resident of District 6) expired June 30,
36 2026, and he is eligible to serve additional terms; and

1 WHEREAS, the County Executive has nominated Dylan Behler (a resident of
2 District 6) to serve as a member of the AACPL Board of Trustees for a 3-year term
3 ending June 30, 2029; and
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5 WHEREAS, the term of the at-large member, Ishani Ghandi, will expire on June
6 30, 2028; and
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8 WHEREAS, Ishani Ghandi resigned from the AACPL Board of Trustees in 2026,
9 and the County Executive has nominated E. J. Amyot to serve as the at-large
10 member of the AACPL Board of Trustees for the remainder of a 3-year term ending
11 June 30, 2028; and
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13 WHEREAS, the County Council finds that Laura Ellis, Faith Steele, J. Robert Sapp,
14 James Estepp, Noah Comet, Cathy Belcher, Dylan Behler, and E. J. Amyot meet
15 the eligibility requirements and are qualified to serve on the AACPL Board of
16 Trustees; now, therefore, be it
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18 *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,* That it confirms
19 the nomination of Laura Ellis (a resident of District 1), Faith Steele (a resident of
20 District 2), J. Robert Sapp (a resident of District 3), James Estepp (a resident of District 4),
21 Noah Comet (a resident of District 5), Cathy Belcher (a resident of District 7) to 3-year
22 terms ending June 30, 2028; Dylan Behler (a resident of District 6) to a 3-year term ending
23 June 30, 2029; and E. J. Amyot (at-large) to the remainder of a 3-year term ending on June
24 30, 2028; and be it further
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26 *Resolved,* That copies of this Resolution be sent to Steuart Pittman, County Executive;
27 and Damita McDonald, Chair, AACPL Board of Trustees.