

The International Literacy Association (ILA) Board of Directors met virtually via Zoom on March 19, 2026.

1. Quorum met; meeting called to order by Board President D.A. Robertson at 4:11 p.m. ET.

2. **Present:**

President, Dana A. Robertson; Vice President, Danielle V. Dennis; Immediate Past President, J. Helen Perkins

Members-at-Large:

Sonja Ezell, La Tasha Fields, Young-Suk Kim, Deborah MacPhee, Zoi Traga Philippakos, James Darin Pope, Margaret Vaughn, Katina Zammit

Ex-Officio Member:

Executive Director, Nicola Wedderburn

Staff:

Deborah Harris, Anette Schuetz

Absent: Delilah Gonzales

3. **Order of Business**

- Board Committee Reports
 - Finance Committee:
Financial materials were shared with the Board for review.
 - Fundraising & Giving Subcommittee:
No updates.
 - Governance Committee:
No updates. N. Wedderburn stated that revisions to bylaws and the ILA governance handbook continue.
 - Nominating Committee:
J.H. Perkins reported that board election candidates were contacted, and the election will officially open April 1, 2026.
 - Research Committee:
D.A. Robertson reported continued work on evaluating relevancy of position statements and research advisories.
 - Anti-Racism, Social Justice, and Equity Committee:
S. Ezell reported that the 2026 survey is scheduled for early April followed by

reporting in early May.

- Program Committee:
K. Zammit reported that staff continues to populate the pipeline with webinars.
- Global Committee:
Z. Philippakos reported that the committee had not met yet. Several global regions are interested in collaborating on ILA's 70th anniversary. Global project presentations are to come.
- Journals Committee:
D. Dennis reported no updates.
- Membership Committee:
S. Ezell reported that the committee is reviewing event attendance and membership renewals.
- Awards and Grants Committee:
Z. Philippakos reported that the awards and grants review process concludes at the end of June 2026.
- Commission on ILA National Recognition:
N. Wedderburn reported no updates.
- Literacy Administrators Collaborative:
N. Wedderburn reported that two groups are working on webinars for classroom management and small group reading instruction.

4. Other Business:

Retirement of Position Statements

RESOLUTION: The ILA Board of Directors approves the retirement of the following position statements.

- High-Stakes Assessments
- Formative Assessment
- Using High-Stakes Assessments for Grade Retention and Graduation Decisions
- Collaborating for Success: The Vital Role of Content Teachers in Developing Disciplinary Literacy With Students in Grades 6–12

Motioned to approve by D.A. Robertson, seconded by La Tasha Fields

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

RESOLUTION: The ILA Board of Directors approves the retirement of the following position statement and authorizes the issuance of an updated version in a different format.

- The Multiple Roles of School-Based Specialized Literacy Professionals

Motioned to approve by D.A. Robertson, seconded by K. Zammit

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

403B Plan Restatement

RESOLUTION: The ILA Board of Directors approves the 403B Plan Restatement WHEREAS, the Employer has maintained the International Literacy Association DC Retirement Plan ("Plan") since July 1, 1963 for the benefit of eligible employees; and WHEREAS, the Employer is restating the above-referenced Plan to comply with 2022 Cumulative List of Changes in Section 403(b) Requirements for 403(b) Pre-approved Plans and to continue to receive the tax benefits of an IRS pre-approved plan.

Motioned to approve by D.A. Robertson, seconded by La Tasha Fields
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

5. **Motion to adjourn** by D.A. Robertson, seconded by M. Vaughn.
D.A. Robertson adjourned the Board meeting at 4:37 p.m. ET.
6. **Next Board meetings:**

May 21, 2025, at 3 p.m. ET
June 18, 2025, at 3 p.m. ET