

MINUTES
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DEKALB PUBLIC LIBRARY
BILDER FAMILY MEETING ROOM
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025, 6:30 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Deborah Booth, Bill Cummings, Rebecca Hunt, Kelli Meserole, India Washington, Betsy Zimmerman

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Andrea Dahlberg, Jennifer Salmon

LIBRARY STAFF PRESENT: Emily Faulkner, Britta Krabill, Ryan Racine

GUESTS PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Hunt at 6:30 p.m.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Faulkner reminded those present about the 8 Countries program being on Saturday, September 13. Cummings asked for an estimate of participants. Faulkner said we've gotten over 1000 in past years.

MINUTES

- A. Approve August 13, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes: Meserole motioned to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Zimmerman seconded. Motion passed, 4-0, Hunt and Salmon abstained.

REPORTS

- A. Directors Report – August: Faulkner and staff member Danni Hernandez were interviewed by Hola about the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Racine gave an update on the sorter and our options moving forward.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. Review Trustee Facts File – Chapter 9: Reviewed
- B. Review Standards for Libraries – Chapter 9: Reviewed

- C. Approve Non-Resident Fee for 2026: The library will use the rent formula to determine the cost of non-resident cards. Meserole motioned to approve the non-resident fees. Cummings seconded. Motion passed, 6-0.
- D. Approve 2026 Board Meeting Dates: Zimmerman motioned to approve the 2026 Board Meeting Dates. Washington seconded. Motion passed, 6-0.
- E. Approve 2026 Closed Dates: Meserole motioned to approve the 2026 Closed Dates. Washington seconded. Motion passed, 6-0.
- F. Approve Barracuda Firewall and Email Filtering Contract: Zimmerman motioned to approve the Barracuda Firewall and Email Filtering Contract. Washington seconded. Motion passed via roll call, 5-0, Meserole abstained.
- G. Approve Biblioteca Maintenance Contract: Meserole motioned to approve the Biblioteca Maintenance Contract. Washington seconded. Motion passed via roll call, 6-0.
- H. Approve Request for Qualifications Bid for Architects: Racine discussed the positives and negatives of using the original architect (Woolpert) and putting out an RFP for the courtyard project. Cummings asked about cost. Racine gave a range. Motion tabled.
- I. Approve Woolpert Architectural and Engineering Quote: Meserole motioned to approve the Woolpert Architectural and Engineering Quote. Cummings seconded. Motion passed via roll call, 6-0.

CLOSED SESSION: CLOSED SESSION MEETING MINUTES REVIEW

- A. No closed session was called.

ACTION ITEM: CLOSED SESSION MEETING MINUTES

- A. Approval or Continued Confidentiality of Closed Session Minutes Pertaining to Discussion of Personnel Issues as permitted under Illinois Law 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21): Cummings motioned to approve the Approval or Continued Confidentiality of Closed Session Minutes Pertaining to Discussion of Personnel Issues as permitted under Illinois Law 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21). Meserole seconded. Motion passed, 6-0.
- B. Approval of Release of Closed Session Minutes Pertaining to the Discussion of Other Topics: Zimmerman motioned for the Approval the Release of Closed Session Minutes Pertaining to the Discussion of Other Topics. Meserole seconded. Motion passed, 6-0.
- C. Approve January 8, 2025 Closed Session Meeting Minutes: Motion tabled.
- D. Approval of Destruction of Closed Session Audio Recordings from July 2023 – March 2024. Washington motioned for the Approval of Destruction of Closed Session Audio Recordings from July 2023 – March 2024. Cummings seconded. Motion passed, 6-0.

FINANCE

- A. Approve August 2025 Monthly Bills. Zimmerman asked regarding a bill that looked like it had been taxed. Faulkner said she would look into it. Meserole asked about the payment of fines to other libraries. Faulkner explained that it was a refund for patrons who had returned long overdue items. Meserole motioned for the Approval August 2025 Monthly Bills. Zimmerman seconded. Motion passed via roll call, 6-0.
- B. Review Financial Report: Reviewed

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Emily will be meeting with Mayor Barnes on Friday to discuss the appointment of a new Board member.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Faulkner will be bringing 2026 budget options to the Board at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

- A. Meserole moved to adjourn, seconded by Washington. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.