

MINUTES
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DEKALB PUBLIC LIBRARY
BILDER FAMILY MEETING ROOM
WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2026
6:30 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Laura Anderson, Deborah Booth, Andrea Dahlberg, Rhiannon Gruber, Rebecca Hunt, Kelli Meserole, Ann Shult, Alex Tobias, Betsy Zimmerman

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

LIBRARY STAFF PRESENT: Emily Faulkner, Samantha Hathaway

GUESTS PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Hunt at 6:33 p.m.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

Remove approval of Minutes. June meeting minutes will be approved at the August meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Illinois Per Capita Grant Award: The library received \$68,493.00 this year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Special Board Meeting for Strategic Planning on Wednesday, August 19, at 6:30 p.m.
- B. Next upcoming after-hours programs:
 - a. Friday, July 10 - Rascals, Roustabouts, River Pirates
 - b. Friday, July 17 - Harmony of Korean Music
 - c. Saturday, July 25 – Melodies of the East
 - d. Saturday, August 8 – Dennis Stroughmatt and the Honky-Tonk Circus

REPORTS

- A. Director's Report – June: Reviewed. Faulkner gave a brief report on the sexual harassment issue that recently occurred at the library.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. Review Trustee Facts File – Chapter 7: Reviewed. Faulkner will share a breakdown of staff responses on strategic planning.
- B. Review Standards for Libraries – Chapter 7: Information Services: Reviewed
- C. Updates to Courtyard Project: Landscaping: Faulkner gave a brief review of plant choices. Shult requested that we add options that will bloom earlier in the season.
- D. Approve Board By-Laws: Faulkner noted any significant changes to the Board By-Laws. Meserole moved to approve the Board By-Laws. Seconded by Booth. Motion passed.

- E. Approve Self-Check Machine Replacements: Faulkner and staff recommend the Centec option. Meserole moved to approve the Centec Self-Check Machines. Seconded by Zimmerman. Motion passed via roll call; 9-0.
- F. Approve Syndeo Internet Services Providers Contract: Meserole moved to approve the Syndeo Internet Services contract. Seconded by Gruber. Motion passed via roll call; 9-0.
- G. Approve Illinois Library Association Conference Travel: Faulkner and Adult Services librarian Amy Freeman will be speaking at ILA this year. Meserole moved to approve conference expenses of \$1,492.00. Seconded by Dahlberg. Motion passed via roll call; 9-0.

FINANCE

- A. Approve June 2026 Monthly Bills: Zimmerman moved to approve the June 2026 Monthly Bills. Seconded by Anderson. Motion passed via roll call; 9-0.
- B. Review Financials: Reviewed. Faulkner outlined an upcoming insurance opportunity for retirees that may save the library money.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Faulkner asked for opinions on the color for new bathroom stall wraps.

ADJOURNMENT

Booth moved to adjourn. Seconded by Shult. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.