



MINUTES
LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR SESSION
TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2025, 5:30 PM

The Library Board of Trustees convened in regular session at 5:50 PM, July 15, 2025. Vice President Dianne Hollister called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Alok Hoonka	Trustee	Present
Sharon Zeck	Trustee	Present
Craig McCormick	Trustee	Present
Dianne Hollister	Trustee	Present
John Argenziano	Trustee	Present
Ashlee Sang	Trustee	Absent
Georgene Chissell	Trustee	Absent
Catrina Parker	President	Absent

Staff present: Nan Goerlitz, Jeanne Hamilton, Kathy Jeakins

Introduction of Public

Seth Peterson, Brittany Adams, Alysha Jackson, Alexandra Bell, and Molly Stevenson introduced themselves.

Public Comment

Public comments were made by Alysha Jackson and Alexandra Bell on the topic of the Collective Bargaining Agreement for Local 699 AFSCME - Library Staff.

Reports

The following item was presented:

Item 5.A. President's Report

Vice President Hollister encouraged trustees to become involved with the Illinois Library Association.

The following item was presented:

Item 5.B. Director's Report

Director Hamilton shared a story about a family who recently moved to Bloomington for the Library. She reported that upfitting on the BPL On the Go vehicle is finished, and it is currently getting graphics installed. It should be ready to hit the road next week. The Library has partnered with District 87 schools to provide a location for the free summer lunch program. This program

averages 60 people per day at the library. Finally, she highlighted that in June of 2019 (the last typical year of operation) there were 31,229 visitors to the Library. June of 2025 saw 32,636 people visit the Library.

The following item was presented:

Item 5.C. Fiscal Report

Kathy Jeakins stated that the report is in the packet and entertained questions.

Consent Agenda

Items listed on the Consent Agenda are approved with one motion; Items pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion are listed and voted on separately.

Item 6.A. Approve Minutes of 6/17/25: Regular Bloomington Public Library Board meeting

Item 6.B. Approve Minutes of 5/20/25: Executive Session of the Bloomington Public Library Board meeting

Item 6.C. Bills in the Amount of \$472,902.50

Trustee McCormick made a motion, seconded by Trustee Hoonka, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion carried (viva voce, 5-0).

Approval Items

The following item was presented:

Item 7.A. Approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement for Local 699 AFSCME - Library Staff

Trustee Zeck made a motion, seconded by Trustee Argenziano, to approve the item as presented.

AYES: Trustee Argenziano; Trustee Hollister; Trustee McCormick; Trustee Zeck; Trustee Hoonka

Motion carried.

The following item was presented:

Item 7.B. Approve Employee Handbook Changes

Trustee Zeck made a motion, seconded by Trustee Hoonka, to approve the item as presented.

Trustee Argenziano proposed a friendly amendment to remove the proposed language regarding insurance coverage for personal vehicles until staff is able to check the library's current liability insurance coverage.

Trustee Zeck agreed to those changes.

Motion carried (viva voce, 5-0).

The following item was presented:

Item 7.C. Approve Revision of Library Policies

Trustee Zeck made a motion, seconded by Trustee McCormick, to approve the item as presented.

Motion carried (viva voce, 5-0).

The following item was presented:

Item 7.D. Approve Resolution Authorizing the Library Director to Enter into a Contract for Engineering Services

Trustee Argenziano made a motion, seconded by Trustee McCormick, to approve the item as presented.

AYES: Trustee Argenziano; Trustee Hollister; Trustee McCormick; Trustee Zeck; Trustee Hoonka

Motion carried.

The following item was presented:

Item 7.E. Review and Approve Maintaining Confidentiality of Executive Session Minutes

Trustee Zeck made a motion, seconded by Trustee McCormick, to approve the item as presented.

Motion carried (viva voce, 5-0).

Comments by Trustees

Trustee Hollister shared her gratitude for staff member Rosie, who took her on a ride-along on the Bookmobile, and staff member Tom, who assisted her in submitting an online request.

Adjournment

Trustee Zeck made a motion, seconded by Trustee Hollister, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried (viva voce, 5-0).

The Meeting Adjourned at 6:39 PM.