

Bloomington Public Library



Minutes

Library Board of Trustees - Regular Session Tuesday, December 16, 2025 - 5:30 PM

The Library Board of Trustees convened in regular session in Community Room 2 at the Bloomington Public Library at 5:31 PM.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 PM by Board President Catrina Parker.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT: Board Member Ashlee Sang
Board Member Alok Hoonka
Board Member Dianne Hollister
Board Member John Argenziano
Board Member Georgene Chissell
Board Member Melissa Libert
President Catrina Parker

ABSENT: Board Member Sharon Zeck
Board Member Craig McCormick

Staff Present: Nan Goerlitz, Jeanne Hamilton, Kathy Jeakins

3. Introduction of Public

There were no members of the public present.

4. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

5. Reports

A. **President's Report.** (Recommended Motion: none, presentation only.)

President Parker stated that she was part of a panel at a recent Dr. Who convention, and discussion turned to the fact that the show was no longer available on streaming platforms. She was happy to share that some seasons are available on Hoopla through public libraries. She also mentioned that she was at the most recent Brown Bag Book Sale at the Library, and there were lots of people in attendance in spite of the inclement weather.

B. **Director's Report.** (Recommended Motion: none, presentation only.)

Director Hamilton highlighted the new staff name tags that were made in the Library's Innovation Lab. These are easier to read than the previous version. Board Member Hollister

has volunteered to be a representative on the Strategic Planning Committee. The planning process will include a three-hour retreat in May for all Board Members. Director Hamilton will send out a poll to find the time convenient to the greatest number of members. She commented that the eBook pricing information from the Legislative Breakfast is in the packet. The tax levy was approved at last night's City Council meeting. Director Hamilton shared that the Library received an award from the McLean County System of Care. Lastly, she shared that the Bloomington Public Library coordinated with the Normal Public Library to have a fun "sign war" on social media using each Library's newly installed light boards. It got the attention of WGLT and the Children's Discovery Museum, who joined the fun.

C. Fiscal Report. (Recommended Motion: none, presentation only.)

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

6. Consent Agenda

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

- A. **Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of the November 18, 2025, Regular Bloomington Library Board of Trustees Meeting.** (Recommended Motion: The proposed Minutes be approved.)
- B. **Consideration and Action on the Bloomington Public Library's Bills in the Amount of \$502,983.06., as requested by the Library Department.** (Recommended Motion: Approve the item as presented.)

Board Member Sang made a motion, seconded by Board Member Argenziano, to approve the Item as presented.

Motion carried (6-0-1). Board Member Chissell was absent for this vote.

7. Approval Items

- A. **Consideration and Action on the Bloomington Public Library's Bill(s) from ISU in the Amount of \$591.67.** (Recommended Motion: Approve the Item as Presented.)

Board Member Argenziano made a motion, seconded by Board Member Hoonka, to approve the Item as presented.

Motion carried (6-0-1). Board Member Libert abstained.

- B. **Waive the Competitive Bid Process and Approve a 5-year Renewal of the Agreement with Innovative Interfaces Incorporated for the Library's Integrated Library System (Catalog).** (Recommended Motion: Approve the Item as Presented.)

Board Member Hollister made a motion, seconded by Board Member Chissell, to approve the Item as presented.

Ayes: Board Member Sang, Board Member Hoonka, Board Member Hollister, Board Member Argenziano, Board Member Chissell, Board Member Libert, President Parker

Nayes: none

Abstain: none

Motion carried.

- C. **Waive The Competitive Bid Process And Authorize The Library Director To Renew Property, Liability, Vehicle, Umbrella, Director's And Officer's, And Worker's Compensation Insurance Packages Through The Libraries Of Illinois Risk Agency (LIRA).** (Recommended Motion: Approve the Item as Presented.)

This item was postponed until the January Board meeting.

8. Discussion Items

- A. **Discussion of Per Capita Grant Requirements, as requested by the Library Department.** (Recommended Motion: None; Discussion Only.)

Director Hamilton led a review of the final sections of the Illinois Public Library Standards.

9. Comments by Trustees

The were no comments from Trustees.

10. Adjournment

Board Member Sang made a motion, seconded by Board Member Hollister, to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 PM.

Motion carried (7-0).