

**Minutes of the Board of Trustees
Normal Public Library
January 21, 2026**

Call to order: A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Normal Public Library was held in Board Room 018, Normal Public Library, Normal, Illinois on Wednesday, January 21, 2026. The meeting convened at 6:04 pm, President Beth Robb, presiding.

Members Present: Beth Robb, President, Katelyn Trunnel, Vice-president, Erin Ripley-Gataric, Secretary, Lynda Lane Treasurer, Terry Lindberg, Susan Lash, David Sye

Members Absent: None

Library Staff Present: John Fischer, Library Director, Jennifer Williams

NPL Foundation Liaison: None

Town of Normal Staff Present: None

Community Members Present: None

1. **Review of the Agenda:** A typographical error was found in the December 2025 minutes.
2. **President's Report:** Ms. Robb had nothing to report.
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Committee and Liaison Reports [Foundation; Library Advocacy; Library Planning]:**

Foundation: Three members' terms will be ending this spring, and the officer slate will change. A treasurer is still needed. Recent progress in developing a Foundation logo, and Little Green Light donations near \$40,000 in 2025. Ms. Dullard is working to define sectors of donors. A shared Google workspace is almost ready. A schedule of quarterly fundraisers was discussed. Mr. Peterson suggested a routine audit soon. A joint board retreat in summer was discussed.

Library Advocacy: None

Library Planning: New meeting schedule will be 2-3 times per year

5. **Library Director's Report:** Mr. Fischer presented the items in his report.

6. **OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA**

- A. **Report to Receive and File Normal Public Library Expenditures for Payment, including \$287,289.89 for three payrolls, and \$116,034.35 for expenditures as of January 15, 2026.**

Ms. Lane moved to approve the Omnibus Vote agenda, Mr. Lindberg seconded.

Motion passed 7-0.

1. Beth Robb: Yes
2. Katelyn Trunnell: Yes
3. Erin Ripley-Gataric: Yes
4. Lynda Lane: Yes
5. Terry Lindberg: Yes
6. Susan Lash: Yes
7. David Sye: Yes

7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 17, 2025.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approval of Material Selection Policy

Mr. Lindberg moved to approve the Material Selection Policy as written. Ms. Lane seconded.

Motion passed 7-0.

Beth Robb: Yes

Katelyn Trunnell: Yes

Erin Ripley-Gataric: Yes

Lynda Lane: Yes

Terry Lindberg: Yes

Susan Lash: Yes

David Sye: Yes

- B. Waive the Competitive Bid Process And Authorize Library Director to Renew Property, Liability, Vehicle, Umbrella, Director's And Officer's, and Worker's Compensation Insurance Packages with Libraries of Illinois Risk Agency for \$32,425.68, with Risk Program Administrators for \$9,095 and \$3,602.

Mr. Lindberg moved to approve the Material Selection Policy as written. Ms. Lane seconded.

Motion passed 7-0.

Beth Robb: Yes

Katelyn Trunnell: Yes

Erin Ripley-Gataric: Yes

Lynda Lane: Yes

Terry Lindberg: Yes

Susan Lash: Yes

David Sye: Yes

- C. Executive Session: [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)] Personnel

Ms. Trunnell motioned to enter executive session. Ms. Lane seconded.

Motion passed 7-0.

Beth Robb: Yes

Katelyn Trunnell: Yes
Erin Ripley-Gataric: Yes
Lynda Lane: Yes
Terry Lindberg: Yes
Susan Lash: Yes
David Sye: Yes

The Board of Trustees entered executive session at 6:35 pm.

The Board of Trustees exited executive session and resumed public meeting at 7:04 pm.

Roll call exiting executive session:

Motion passed 7-0.

Beth Robb: Yes

Katelyn Trunnell: Yes

Erin Ripley-Gataric: Yes

Lynda Lane: Yes

Terry Lindberg: Yes

Susan Lash: Yes

David Sye: Yes

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 17, 2025

10. SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

A. Review of Programming Policy

B. Director Evaluation discussion

11. Board Comments and Concerns

A. None

12. Next Meeting Date: February 18, 2026

13. Adjournment

Mr. Sye motioned to adjourn the meeting , Ms. Robb seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Secretary

Date